Dr. Gaanty Pragas Receives Award from IKM

DEC 9, KUALA LUMPUR: The Tan Sri Datuk Ong Kee Hui Postgraduate Chemistry Medal is given annually to the most outstanding chemistry postgraduate thesis by Institut Kimia Malaysia (IKM) since 1974. For the year 2011, the sole recipient of the medal is Dr. Gaanty Pragas AL Maniam from Faculty of Industrial Sciences and Technology (FIST), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) for his PhD thesis. The medal also carries an Award Certificate and a cash prize.

The award ceremony was during the Malam Kimia 2011 at the Sime Darby Convention Centre, Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur on Friday, December 9, 2011. The Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, YB Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, attended the event as the Guest-of-Honour.

Dr. Gaanty's PhD thesis is on 'Biodiesel Production via Heterogeneous Transesterification of Palm Olein and Waste Oils' under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Boey Peng Lim of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). His research is on renewable energy materials (biodiesel), a relevant area under the national agenda of Energy and Water Security. During his doctoral research, he has published nine papers in highly reputed international journals published by The American Oil Chemists' Society, Springer and Elsevier and presented these results in national and international conferences. He is a reviewer for over ten international scholarly journals in the area of Renewable Energy and Catalysis.

Signing of Letter of Intent (LOI) between FIST, UMP, FRIM and TPM

OCT 12, MARAN: To strengthen research collaboration on herbs in Malaysia, the Faculty of Industrial Sciences & Technology (FIST), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and TPM Biotech Sdn. Bhd. at the FRIM station in Kampung Ulu Luit, Maran on 12th October 2011.

The LOI was signed by Deputy Dean (Academic and Student Development) Affair) of FIST, Dr. Saiful Nizam Tajuddin while FRIM was represented by Director- General, Dato' Dr. Abdul Latif Mohmod and TPM Biotech Sdn. Bhd. by Senior Manager, Mr. Fadzhairi Abd Jabar.

The event was witnessed by Pahang State Information, Science, Technology and Innovation Committee Chairman YB Dato' Mohd Shar kar Shamsudin.

FIST's Postgraduates During the 6th UMP Convocation

OCT 10, GAMBANG: UMP's 6th Convocation was held on 1st October 2011 at UMP's Sports Complex which witnessed 1,290 graduates receiving their doctoral, master and bachelor degrees and diplomas. The ceremony marked a history for FIST when a pioneer batch of Doctoral and Masters students graduated. His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah, Tuanku Chancellor of UMP conferred FIST's first Doctoral Degrees to two recipients, Dr. Saiful Nizam Tajuddin and Dr. Nurul Husna Ab Hamid. Liu Meng, Chia Keh Leong, Ade Chandra Iwasnjah and Aini Norhidayah Mohamed were conferred Masters degrees.