

SPOTLIGHT ON GRADUATE STUDENT

HAZRULRIZAWATI ABD HAMID, PhD (Industrial Chemistry) candidate

Hazrulrizawati Abd Hamid, 29 years old was born in Kedah. She received her early education in Alor Setar and pursued her BSc in Chemistry Education at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Skudai Johor. Upon finishing her studies, she worked as a teacher at SMK Ulu Tiram, Johor (2004 - 2009). While working, she pursued an MSc in Chemistry Education also at UTM as a part time student, graduating in 2008. Cikgu Hazrul was then awarded a scholarship from the Ministry of Education and registered for PhD studies in Chemistry in 2009. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Mashitah Mohd Yusoff, her research encompasses isolation of secondary metabolites from the plant, *Tinospora crispa* or "akar seruntun" in Malay. The plant is a traditional Malay medicinal plant used for the treatment of many ailments. Surmounting research challenges everyday, Cikgu Hazrul's patience and determination has paid off, discovering a number of biologically active compounds.

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Besides being busy and enjoying research, she has also found time to be with her 2-year old daughter, (Delisha Qasrina), 1-month old son (Mohd Darwisy) and husband (Cikgu Mohd Adib Haron). Weekends are joyful when everyone gets the chance to spend quality time

