

# ANAS WON 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE IN PRIME MINISTER CUP'S INTERNATIONAL MALAY DEBATE 2016

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) international student Anas Mohamad Husain Kassim, who is from Iraq, won third place in the Prime Minister Cup's International Malay Debate 2016 (PABM) that was held in Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), Putrajaya on March 26, 2016.

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Anas, 26, said he was grateful of the win and that it was his second time competing in the debate.

"I took part in the debate last year. This year, however, I did not expect to go all the way to the finals.

"I thank UMP for giving the opportunity and not forgetting the encouragement given by Centre

for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS) Lecturer, Siti Muslihah Isnain and friends whose support helped me win the third place," he added.

Anas said in the finals, he chose the topic, '*Keamanan Dunia*' (World Peace) because his own country had never been peaceful since 2004.

He also said he really liked Malaysia because peace prevailed and people of diverse races and background lived in unity.

Anas added that he ended his debate by expressing his hope that peace and normalcy would return to Iraq with the children being able to play freely, its people living together and leaders able to shake hands with each other.

He said when making his points during the debate, he tried to use words that were simple and easy to pronounce.