Muhammad Anas Misbahudin of Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA) was announced as the recipient of Higher Education Ministry’s highest student leadership award at ‘Anugerah Tokoh Siswa’ held in Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Gambang campus on April 23, 2016.

UniSZA’s successful programmes, ‘Cross Boundary of UniSZA-Acheh’ (UniSZA Merentas Sempadan Acheh) and ‘First Malaysian Students Global Policy Symposium 2015’, warranted him the award.

The computer science undergraduate took home the grand prize - a Honda Wave 110 cc motorcycle, RM5,000 in cash, a trophy and a certificate of appreciation from Minister of Higher Education Dato’ Seri Idris Jusoh.

Also present at the event were the ministry’s Deputy Minister Datuk Mary Yap Kain Ching, Secretary General, Dato’ Seri Ir. Dr. Zaini Ujang, Higher Education Director General, Professor Dato’ Dr. Asma Ismail, UMP Chairman Board of Directors, Dato’ Seri Mohd Hilmey Mohd Taib and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato’ Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim.

Professor Dato’ Dr. Daing Nasir said the implementation of a prestigious event such as the ‘Anugerah Tokoh Siswa’ was part of the efforts taken to motivate undergraduates to refine their talents and present their constructive, positive and value-added potentials in various fields and be exemplary to their peers.

“In UMP itself, when it comes to implementing initiatives, projects and activities in various fields by the students, the Department of Student Affairs and Alumni (JHEPA) and Student Representative Council are given specific space and parameter as outlined in the UMP Strategic Plan 2016-2020. “This is in line with the aspirations of UMP to be a leading technology university by the year 2020,” he said.

He added that strategic focus was given to the empowerment of student through activities that were based...