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UMP-HsKA Dual-Degree graduate, Mohammed Shafiq is active in sports

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The programme of Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Automotive Engineering, a collaboration programme with Karlsruhe University of Applied Science (HsKA), Germany, is often considered a rather difficult programme for some.

However, Mohammed Shafiq Abd Salim, 24, managed to prove that it is not an obstacle for him to excel in the programme and at the same time be active in sports.

He received his dual-degree at the 14th Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Convocation Ceremony in Sports Complex, UMP Gambang Campus on 16 November 2019.

This graduate from the Faculty of Mechanical & Automotive Engineering (FTKMA) is also a silver medalist in the archery team in the 52nd YDP BLM DBKL World Cup Archery Championship this year.

He also won the 4th Place Compound Men in the Johor International Archery Open, a bronze medal in Compound Team Event, the East Coast Sports Championship (SIPTAR), a bronze medal in UMP Indoor Open, top five in Compound Men, Macau Indoor Open, a bronze medal in 50 m qualifying in Malaysian University Sports Council (MASUM) Championship and a bronze medal (mixed team) in Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) Open.

“Many people assume that it is difficult to focus on academics while being active in co-curricular activities. But for me, planning and time allocation is crucial.

“Trying to discipline yourself by following the schedule and finishing tasks within the stipulated time are the key factors for success,” he said.

For him, nothing is impossible if it is done properly and passionately.

This Mersing-born Mohammed Shafiq also received the Dean's List award twice during his studying at UMP.

Talking about his future plans, he is still contemplating whether to proceed to the next level as he had just completed his training in Korea.

His focus will be on the competition which will take place at the end of November, the 15th Sarawak Indoor Archery Championship and UMP-Excella International Indoor Archery Championship 3.0, along with several national competition circuits.