



UPM Bintulu director Prof Dr Shahrul Razid Sarbini (standing, fourth right) joins others in a group photo with the members of Majestic Shades Dancer, taken after the prize-giving ceremony. — Photo from Facebook / UPMKB

Bintulu troupe sweeps the board at Borneo Ethnic Creative Dance Fest

BINTULU: The Majestic Shades Dancer from Bintulu emerged the winner of the Borneo Ethnic Creative Dance Festival (EthDance) 2023.

The troupe led by Fazry Abdullah performed a unique dance called 'Kalong', which means 'pattern' or 'carving' in the Orang Ulu language.

The second and third place went to Badansa Dance Troupe UPM and Bahari Limbai, respectively.

On top of that, Majestic Shades Dancer also clinched the 'Best Dress', 'Best Music Arrangement' and 'Best Choreographer' awards.

The runners-up were Gerini Tari and Tandak Remang (Best Dress); and Badansa Dance Troupe UPM and Bahari Limbai KSR (Best Music Arrangement and Best Choreographer).

EthDance 2023 was judged by a panel comprising Tuah Jili, Kalai Ampin and Hanizam

Asalan.

Staged at the Dewan Sri Kenyalang of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Bintulu Campus, the dance festival was jointly organised by the university and the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts, in collaboration with Sarawak Arts Council.

It gathered eight dance troupes, including the Badansa Dance Troupe from UPM Serdang.