

# 'Learn business skills to boost prospects'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** University students should learn entrepreneurship skills and gain practical experience to boost their value after graduating.

Such skills could be gained through programmes like the recent higher learning institution Entrepreneurship Simulation Competition held at Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM).

UUM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak said acquiring these skills would reduce their dependency on the government to secure employment after they completed their courses.

Mustafa said some of the participants had brought products from research efforts at their respective universities and commercialised them online.

His speech was read by UUM Student Affairs and Alumni Vice-chancellor Prof Madya Dr Abdul Malek Abdul Karim at the competition's closing and prize-giving ceremony here. Present were Entrepreneurship and Cooperatives Institute executive director Prof Dr Hassan Ali, MyPEC Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk



*The team from **Universiti Teknologi Malaysia** with their prizes after winning the **higher learning institution Entrepreneurship Simulation Competition**.*

Radin Lockman and chief assistant secretary of the Higher Education Ministry's entrepreneurship unit Mohd Ramesh Krishna.

Seventy five participants took part in the competition, the second joint effort between the Higher Education Ministry, UUM and Malaysia Practice Enterprise Centre (MyPEC), which was held from Jan 23 to Feb 5.

Students from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia grabbed the first prize, which included a Higher Education Ministry trophy, RM10,000 and certificates. Universiti Putra Malaysia and UUM emerged second and third, respectively.

Adyleen Azman, from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, won the best Chief Executive Officer award.