Grooming graduates to become business leaders

This year, 219 business plans were submitted for the competition compared to 124 last year. The number of tertiary institutions taking part also rose from 21 to 31.

"MDeC plans to nurture more home-grown technologies and talents as Malaysia moves towards a knowledge-based society.

"The competition aims to develop entrepreneurial spirit among graduates, researchers and academicians, so that they can become creators and contributors of technologies instead of mere users," says Badlisham.

The competition was co-organised by National Unipreneur Development programme under the purview of MDeC together with tertiary institutions.

The panel of judges and sponsors were from Telekom Malaysia Bhd, Microsoft (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, Small and Medium Enterprise Bank Bhd, Sun Microsystems Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Pikom (The Association of the Computer and Multimedia Industry), Technopreneur Association of Malaysia (Team), Cradle Fund Sdn Bhd, iPerintis Sdn Bhd and Malaysia Debt Ventures Bhd.

(From left) Education Meshup team members Seow Siew Hua, Joyce Shee Mooi Yee, Ting Tin Tin and Chan Yew Hiok won the grand prize.