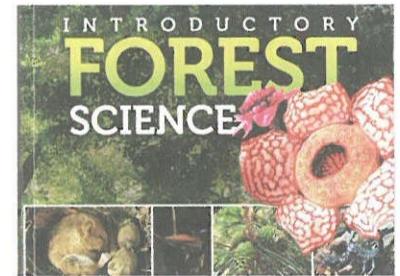


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## UPM bags four awards at National Academic Awards

By Khairul Anuar Muhamad Noh

PUTRAJAYA, Sept 2 - Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) bagged four out of eight awards at the National Academic Awards (AAN) 2013.

The recipients were, the first Universiti Pertanian Malaysia Vice Chancellor, Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Mohd Rashdan Baba for the National Academic Personality Award and Prof. Dr. Jayakaran Mukundan from Faculty of Educational Studies for the Teaching Award (Applied Arts and Applied Social Sciences cluster).

Other UPM recipients were Prof. Dr. Hajah Rahinah Ibrahim from Faculty of Design and Architecture for the Arts and Creativity Award (Visual Arts/Architecture/Craft category) and Prof. Dr. Azni Idris from Faculty of Engineering for the Innovation and Product Commercialisation Award.

Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak presented the awards to the recipients of the AAN 2013 at Putrajaya International Convention Centre here. Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Minister of Education II, Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh.

UPM Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd. Fauzi Ramli, said AAN is dubbed as the highest government recognition to academics excellent performance in



From left: Prof. Dr. Azni Idris, Prof. Dr. Hajah Rahinah Ibrahim, Prof. Dr. Jayakaran Mukundan and the first Universiti Pertanian Malaysia Vice Chancellor, Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Mohd Rashdan Baba.

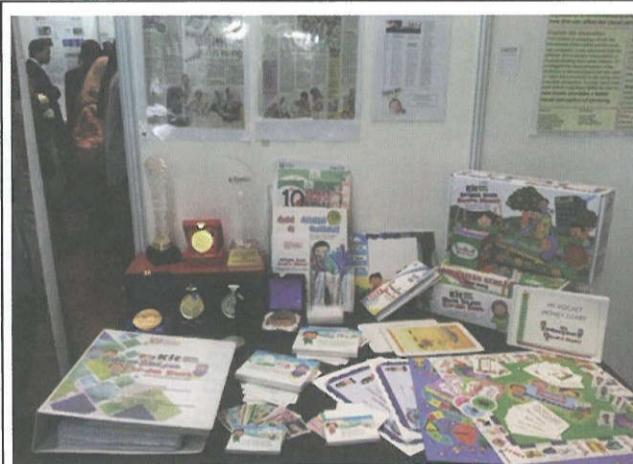
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### UPM bags Grand Prize at i-IdeA

By Nurhayatul Nira Ramli

ARAU - Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) won the gold and the grand prize (Diamond Award) at the International Innovation, Design and Articulation (i-IdeA 2014) in the Professional Inventor category, took home a cash prize of RM5000.00, a trophy and certificate.

Two researchers from the Faculty of Human Ecology, Dr Mohamad Fazli Sabri and Nurhayatul Nira Ramli won the award through their innovation, 'Kit Bijak Wang Anak Bijak Cerdik Duit' also known as the Smart Money Kit in the competition which was held from 16 to 19 September.

The innovation is a teaching tool that contains 10 interactive games that have been devised and prepared to suit children between 6 to 12 years old. It contains 6 units of basic financial management elements so that the children are able to understand the concept of money more easily.

According to Fazli, this kit is able to help parents and teachers in providing the preliminary understanding to children through the model of financial education activities which are compatible to their respective ages as well as their development stages.

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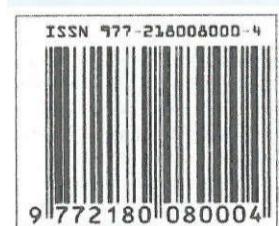
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## UPM Chancellor presents PALAPES Cadet Officers Awards

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SEPANG, Aug 29 - Chancellor of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, presented the Best Cadet Officers Awards to 12 UPM Reserved Officer Training Unit (PALAPES) cadet officers at the Regimental Banquet Dinner 2014 here.

Second Lieutenant Norjihah Mohamad Yusof won the Overall Best Cadet Officer Award in the army category and Second Lieutenant Nurul Nabilah Mohd Fedzir, received the Overall Best Senior Cadet Officer Award in the navy category.

Also present at the event were UPM Pro Chancellors, Tan Sri Dato' Setia Dr. Nayan Ariffin; Tan Sri Dato; Sri Lim Ah Lek; Tan Sri Dato' Rozali Ismail and UPM Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Fauzi Ramlan.

In the army category, the Best Male Cadet Officer Award was won by Second Lieutenant Muhammad Ammar Asma'i Hamid; the Best Female Cadet Officer Award was won by Second Lieutenant Norfatin Izzatie Mohamad Saimi. The Best Military Academic Cadet Officer was won by Second Lieutenant Farid Idham Mohd Affandi; the Best Parade Cadet Award was won by Second Lieutenant Muhammad Assiddiq Ramizan. Second Lieutenant Mohamad Faiz Mohd Pauzi won the Best Shooter Award, and Best Academic Cadet Officer Award was won by Second Lieutenant Nurfikriah Mohd Zikri.

Meanwhile in the navy category, Second Lieutenant Akmal Hayat Abdul Karim won the Best Senior Male Cadet Officer Award; Best Senior Female Cadet Officer was won by Second Lieutenant Dzalika Dzamdin. Second Lieutenant Farah Husna Sahari received the Best Senior Military Academic Cadet Officer Award; and Second Lieutenant Norma Mat Zain won the Best Senior Academic Award.

The Regimental Banquet Dinner 2014 was organised in conjunction with the 33rd Intake (Army) and the 8th Intake (Navy) and the Royal Commissioning Ceremony of the UPM PALAPES cadet officers who had successfully completed the military training.

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"A study found that children who are exposed to the knowledge and skills in financial management since in their early age would stimulate a positive impact on their financial management practices when they reach adulthood."

"The kit is seen as an effective way to build a child's ability to be a prudent financial manager and raise integrity," he said.

The product has also won an award in the Best Professional Kass Invention category at the ITEX 2014, 4 gold medals (including at the PRPI), 2 silver and 1 bronze medals in various competitions, both at the national and international levels. i-IdeA 2014 is an international competition that empowers product innovation and creative ideas among designers, researchers and industry players.

With a theme "Empowering Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ideas Towards Sustainable Economy", this competition also attracted participants from both Malaysia and overseas.

This year's event was held at the Dewan Sri Putra, UiTM Perlis.

# UPM establishes Integrity Unit to strengthen university governance

By Noor Eszereen Juferi

SERDANG, May 15 - Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) has established Integrity Unit to strengthen the integrity and governance of UPM services and ensure transparency among its staff.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Fauzi Ramlan, said the establishment of the unit is an effort to control its internal affairs, manage integrity and curb disciplinary and ethical problems among the university's personnel.

"With the existence of this unit, it will be able to change the perception of the university stakeholders and ensure efficiency of service delivery by the university. In addition, the unit will operate in implementing governance, strengthening the integrity and managing complaints of misconduct among the staff," he said at the Gemilang Putra Ceremony & Labour Day Celebration 2014 at the Great Hall, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Culture and Arts Centre, UPM.

He added, UPM has done some transformation in its talent development programmes, among others, Universiti Putra Malaysia Talent Appreciation and Culture Transformation (UPMTACT) and Talent Development Programme for UPM Replacement Plan (UPMTOP), which are platforms to expose to the work culture of the world's top universities.

"This is to give exposure to UPM staff about the work culture practised at international universities and learn the system to increase the quality of services at UPM," he said.

UPM Registrar, Dato' Wan Azman Wan Omar, said the ceremony was a significant event in conjunction with the Labour Day celebration at the university and aimed to pay tribute to the talents who have demonstrated quality achievements for the university.

"This is the pinnacle of recognition given by the university in performing tasks and although some may not be listed as recipients of the awards, their excellence is also greatly appreciated," he said.

At the event, Prof. Dato' Mohd Fauzi Ramlan also launched Occupational Health and Safety Month, spearheaded by the Office of Occupational Health and Safety Management for the campus community to implement safe work practices and health care aspects in their daily activities.

Meanwhile, Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Fauzi presented the Outstanding Employees Awards to the recipients in three categories: Academic Management and Professional, Prof. Datin Paduka Dr. Aini Ideris; Non-Academic Management and Professional, Roslan Mohammad and Enforcement Officer, Yap Keng Chee, each took home RM1,000 and a plaque.

He also presented Jasamu Dikenang Award to 7 next of kin of staff who had died in service, 122 Jasa Putra Award for retired staff, 40 recipients of Setia Putra Award for staff who have served more than 20 years, 31 Bakti Putra Awards for staff who have served more than 30 years and 501 Excellence Award.

# UPM lecturer receives Merdeka Award Grant

By Noor Eszereen Juferi

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 4 - A Senior Lecturer from Faculty of Science, University Putra Malaysia (UPM), Dr. Lim Hong Ng Hee, received the 2014 Merdeka Award Grant for her achievement in inventing a kit to detect breast cancer using nano technology.

The grant recipients were announced by the Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizuddin Shah who is the Royal Patron of the Merdeka Award Trust here today.

In a statement issued by the 2014 Merdeka Awards committee, said the grant creates opportunity for recipients to establish contact and working relationships with other experts in their field.

Dr. Lim was awarded by the Merdeka Award Board of Trustees to receive a short-term grant for the innovation and also qualify her to engage in any collaborative projects or programmes at a selected, internationally-

recognized host institutions.

The Merdeka Award Trust, founded by PETRONAS, ExxonMobil, confers on individuals and organizations whose excellent work and achievements make an outstanding impact on the nation and its people.

In the meantime, Dr. Lim Hong Ng Hee, said the research that she conducted was on the on-site-lab strategy to detect cancer in its early stage, which is still immature.

"The research has realized the actual application of the on-site-lab strategy so that people can benefit from this technology. In addition, this also can provide immediate solution in detecting and confirming breast cancer among women in rural areas," she said.

She also added that the strength in her research is to synthesize the nanocomposites based on graphene for electrode modification to increase the electrochemical signal in detecting the presence of biomarker in the breast.



Photo | Noor Eszereen Juferi



## MICOLLAC luaskan kerjasama luar dalam pengajian bahasa, sastera dan budaya

Oleh Noor Eszereen Juferi

PULAU PINANG - Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) telah menganjurkan persidangan Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MICOLLAC) 2014 bagi meluaskan jaringan hubungan antara universiti dengan pakar dari luar negara dalam mengantarabangsa program pendidikan tinggi.

Ini dinyatakan oleh Naib Canselor UPM, Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramli ketika melancarkan persidangan tiga hari tersebut yang ditaja oleh Pustaka Prinsip di sebuah hotel terkenal di sini.

Beliau berkata, dengan menghimpunkan penyelidik dari seluruh dunia dalam satu persidangan seperti MICOLLAC 2014 yang dianjurkan kali ke-8 ini, ia akan memudahkan mereka untuk menentukan ciri-ciri penemuan bagi penyelidikan baru.

"Persidangan ini juga akan menyediakan platform yang diperlukan oleh penyelidik bagi meneroka bidang baru yang berpotensi dengan membentuk jalinan kerjasama," katanya kepada

peserta dan penceramah dari 20 buah negara. Negara-negara yang mengambil bahagian adalah Amerika Syarikat, Scotland, Belanda, Arab Saudi, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Jepun, Korea Selatan, United Kingdom, Taiwan, India, Thailand, Oman, Indonesia, Singapura, Filipina, Mesir, Kanada dan Malaysia.

Ketua Perhubungan Media dan Komunikasi MICOLLAC 2014, Prof Madya Dr Shameem Rafik-Galea berkata, persidangan tersebut mempunyai reputasi sebagai satu persidangan komprehensif yang meliputi bidang bahasa Inggeris, sastera dan budaya.

"Ini adalah satu usaha untuk memperluaskan rangkaian penggunaan bahasa Inggeris, sastera dan budaya di samping memupuk semangat kolegial di kalangan ahli akademik," katanya.

MICOLLAC 2014 turut menjadi medan bagi pendidik tempatan dan antarabangsa serta perancang bahasa untuk bertukar pandangan mengenai keberkesanan amalan pengajaran yang digunakan pada masa lalu dan sekarang serta perkara berkaitan dengan perkembangan bahasa Inggeris.

Ia juga merupakan platform kepada para peserta untuk berbincang dengan pakar-pakar bahasa Inggeris dari dalam dan luar negara.

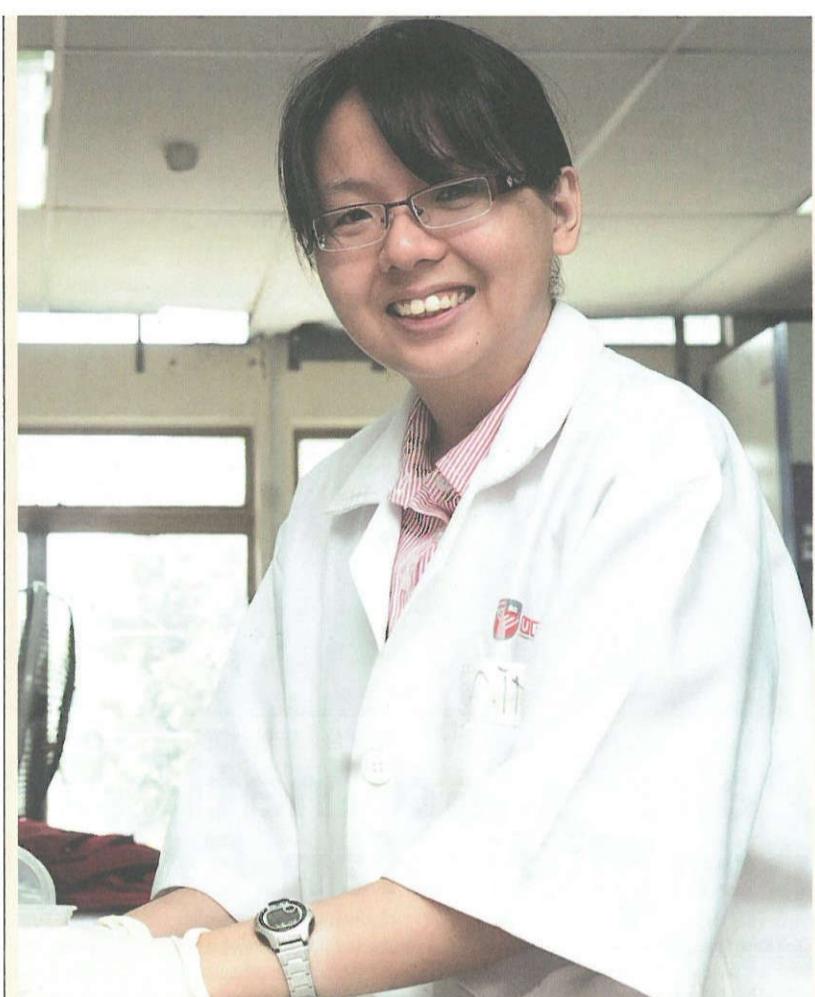
Pada persidangan tersebut, Prof Dato' Dr Mohd Fauzi turut melancarkan sebuah buku yang ditulis oleh Dr Arbaayah Ali Termizi. Buku bertajuk "A Midsummer Night's Dream: Shakespeare Appropriate in 60 Minutes" yang diterbitkan oleh Penerbit UPM adalah panduan mudah dan berguna bagi mereka yang bermintah untuk mementaskan karya penulis tersohor itu seperti Bard's Play.

Selain itu, beliau juga turut menyampaikan hadiah dan sijil kepada 5 pemenang bagi pertandingan Best Postgraduate Student Abstract Competition yang dianjurkan secara bersama dengan Taylor Francis Group.

Pemenang UPM:

- Refaat Alareer, "The Myth of Empty Palestine in Jewish Poetry" (1898-1948).

Refaat Alareer adalah seorang graduan dari Sekolah Pengajian Siswazah (SGS), UPM yang dilahirkan di Gaza, Palestin.



## Sarjana UPM peroleh ijazah kedoktoran berkembar Perancis-Malaysia

Oleh Muhamad Najkhan Mazlan

SERDANG, 4 Ogos (UPM) - Seorang pelajar jurusan kimia menjadi kebanggaan Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) apabila berjaya meraih ijazah doktor falsafah berkembar Perancis-Malaysia, satu pencapaian yang dianggap jarang diraih.

Low Mei Lee, 26, yang memulakan pengajian kedoktoran dalam program sintesis di UPM pada tahun 2010, telah dianugerahkan biasiswa Erasmus Mundus: MAHEVA bagi melanjutkan penyelidikan kedoktorannya di bawah seliaan Prof Clotilde Pollici di Laboratoire des BioMolecules, Universite Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC), Paris untuk tempoh 22 bulan bermula November 2011.

Merupakan seorang bekas pelajar Sekolah Perempuan Air Panas Setapak, beliau memperoleh ijazah Bacelor Sains (Kimia) kelas pertama pada 2010, serta turut dianugerahkan Pencapaian Tertinggi Akademik bagi jurusan Kimia.

Bagi memperoleh ijazah kedoktoran di kedua-dua UPM dan UPMC, Low perlu mengharungi jangka masa satu tahun setengah di makmal kedua-dua universiti tersebut dan memberi fokus terhadap projek penyelidikannya mengenai sintesis, pencirian dan aktiviti biologi ligand atas dithiocarbazate-Schiff serta kompleks logam.

Secara ringkas, kajian beliau tertumpu kepada penekanan bagaimana logam boleh digunakan dalam pembuatan ubat-ubatan untuk membunuh bakteria tegal yang menjadi kebal terhadap pelbagai ubatan antibiotik biasa.

Beliau berkata, sembilan spesies utama bakteria, antaranya *e.coli* (penyebab kepada keracunan makanan) dan *p. aerogenosa* (di hospital), telah mangli terhadap ubatan biasa, justeru tumpuan kajiannya lebih terarah kepada metallodrugs.

Tambah beliau lagi, perjalanan ke makmal antara Paris dan Serdang telah memberikan peluang yang luar biasa dalam menyiapkan penyelidikannya. "Saya berjaya

memperkenalkan kaedah perintis bagi sintetik untuk menyediakan agen terapeutik lebih baik terhadap kelas sebatian yang dikaji oleh sekumpulan penyelidik UPM sedekad yang lalu.

"Selain itu, penilaian biologi dan pelbagai pencirian fizikal-kimia/spektroskopi yang dijalankan dengan rakan penyelidik di Perancis telah membuka lembaran baru dalam memahami penemuan metallodrugs yang berpotensi."

Anak sulung daripada dua beradik kepada seorang juruelektrik berketurunan Baba yang berasal dari Melaka, manakala ibunya merupakan seorang staf pentadbiran. Low berkata, beliau mempunyai asas bahasa Perancis dan hanya bertutur ketika berada di Paris, namun berasa bernasib baik kerana mendapat bimbingan dari orang sekeliling.

Sementara menunggu konvoikesyen, beliau bercadang untuk menjadi feto penyelidikan bagi meneruskan impiannya, iaitu bekerja di sebuah makmal yang berpengkalan di luar negara.

Beliau telah lulus thesis ijazah kedoktoran melalui persidangan video antara UPM dan UPMC yang dihakimi oleh juri daripada kedua-dua negara.

Walaupun penyelianya di UPMC ialah Prof Pollici dan Dr Nicolas Delsuc, mentor dan penyelia utama sebenar beliau adalah Prof Karen A.Crouse dari Jabatan Kimia, Fakulti Sains.

Beliau juga merupakan penerima kedua dari Malaysia yang berjaya memperoleh ijazah kedoktoran berkembar Perancis-Malaysia sejak cotutelle atau ijazah seliaan bersama diperkenalkan pada tahun 1999 melalui kerjasama dengan pihak Perancis.

Dr Afidah Abdul Rahim dari Universiti Sains Malaysia merupakan penerima Malaysia pertama yang dianugerahkan ijazah cotutelle apabila menamatkan ijazah kedoktoran beliau di Poincaré Universiti Henri (UHP) antara 2002-2005.

Pada masa ini, terdapat sembilan pelajar Malaysia sedang mengikuti pengajian ijazah berkembar di bawah program MAHEVA yang terdiri daripada seorang pelajar UPM peringkat bacelor, dua pelajar UPM peringkat sarjana, enam lagi pelajar UPM di peringkat ijazah kedoktoran serta dua kakitangan UPM.



## Shazrin menang Anugerah Pelajar Perakaunan Terbaik MICPA

Oleh Kuah Guan Oo

SERDANG, 18 Ogos (UPM) - Pelajar jurusan perakaunan Shazrin Eqwal Sulaiman mengharumkan nama Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) apabila dipilih sebagai pemenang Anugerah Cemerlang Pelajar Perakaunan Terbaik 2013 oleh Institut Akauntan Awam Bertauliah Malaysia (MICPA).

Pada Januari tahun ini, Shazrin, yang memperoleh Ijazah Sarjana Muda Perakaunan (Kelas Dua Atas) tahun lepas, memenangi Anugerah Dato' Zaki Afandi Ismail kerana pencapaian cemerlang dalam bidang akademik daripada Fakulti Ekonomi dan Pengurusan.

Shazrin, 24, yang kini menyandang jawatan penasihat taqafah dengan Prudential, berkata beliau gembira menerima anugerah daripada badan profesional itu kerana ia meliputi semua aspek bidang perakaunan.

Pelajar cemerlang ini berkata beliau berterima kasih kepada semua pensyarah di fakulti berkenaan atas pencapaianannya itu.

"Semua mereka amat baik hati dan banyak membantu saya. Kalau nak sebut, saya kena senaraikan semua nama mereka," katanya.

Mengimbau kembali sejarah pembelajarannya, Shazrin berkata pada mulanya, beliau mengambil jurusan saim ketika menuntut di SMK Khai Mun in Bentong, tempat dia dilahirkan dan dibesarkan, dan hanya mengambil keputusan untuk memilih jurusan perakaunan pada Februari 2007 bagi menghadapi peperiksaan Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM).

Anak kelapan daripada sembilan adik-beradik ini juga menceritakan pahit getir yang dialami apabila bapanya, anggota polis di Balai Polis Bentong, meninggal dunia semasa beliau masih di bangku

darjah enam. Ibunya, atendan di Hospital Bentong, terpaksa menanggung beban untuk membesarakan anak-anaknya.

Kecuali adik bongsu yang kini menunggu untuk melanjutkan pelajaran ke universiti, kesemuanya kakak dan abang Shazrin sudah bekerja dan sesetengahnya, sudah berumah tangga. Shazrin berkata setelah menuntut selama empat tahun di UPM dengan biasiswa Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) dan mendapat panggilan daripada jabatan itu untuk bekerja, beliau memohon penangguhan kerana ingin menyiapkan pengajian peringkat Sarjana Perakaunan. Kini, beliau berada dalam semester akhir program itu yang memakan masa satu setengah tahun.

Kata pelajar ini, pada mulanya beliau meminimati kerja sebagai tenaga akademik, tetapi setelah berkhidmat dengan Prudential dalam memberi nasihat kepada klien tentang insurans Islam atau takaful, beliau tertarik pula dengan bidang perundungan. "Saya akan tunggu dan lihat apa yang JPA hendak saya lakukan, sebelum membuat keputusan. Saya terikat dengan JPA," katanya.

Anugerah itu, yang diberi MICPA kepada pelajar universiti awam dan swasta sejak 1993, bertujuan memberi pengiktirafan dan penghargaan kepada siswazah muda yang mencapai kecemerlangan menyeluruh dalam memburu kelayakan sebagai aktaun.

Ia memberi anugerah itu kepada 10 pelajar pada 2012 dan 12 pelajar pada 2011.



Prof. Dato' Kamel Ariffin (duduk tengah) bersama kumpulan pakar matematik INSPEM

## Pakar matematik UPM dapat pengiktirafan Eropah

Oleh Kuah Guan Oo

SERDANG, 18 Jun (UPM) – Apabila disebut kumpulan pakar matematik Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), tentu ramai yang menyangka mereka hanya memiliki kapakaran dan menguasai perkara yang menjadi kelaziman dalam bidang matematik sahaja, termasuk pelbagai formula.

Hakikatnya, golongan ini memiliki kemahiran yang jauh lebih mendalam daripada itu kerana mereka turut membuat perkiraan untuk melakar pencapaian cemerlang dan kemasuhan di persada antarabangsa untuk meletakkan UPM dalam peta kemajuan akademik bertaraf global.

Beroperasi di Institut Penyelidikan Matematik (INSPEM), para saintis matematik kebanggaan UPM ini baru sahaja mendapat pengiktirafan daripada European Mathematical Society (EMS) melalui anugerah "Emerging Regional Centre of Excellence."

"Kami amat berharap dapat mengadakan kerjasama erat dengan anda," kata Presiden EMS, Marta Sanz-Sole, dalam surat beliau bertarikh 26 Mei, 2014 kepada Pengarah INSPEM Prof Dato' Kamel Ariffin bin Mohd Atan.

"Bagi pihak Jawatankuasa Eksekutif, saya mengucapkan tahniah kepada anda dan berharap anda akan terus berjaya," kata presiden EMS itu yang berpejabat di Jabatan Matematik dan Statistik, University of Helsinki, Finland (<http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/>).

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education, their contributions to the nation development and it has since recognised more academics from UPM.

"These awards are significant to UPM because they symbolise the recognition of the academics contributions not only in teaching and research, but also in knowledge and technology transfer towards the nation development and community involvement to generate wealth for the country," he said at the event here.

Among other award categories at AAN 2013 were the Journal Publication Award and Book Publication Award. National Academic Personality Award recipient received a sum of RM200,000, a trophy and certificate while other recipients received RM50,000, a trophy and certificate.

AAN has entered its eighth year since

Sementara itu, Prof Kamel Ariffin berkata anugerah tersebut adalah antara pengiktirafan yang amat bermakna bagi INSPEM sejak ia ditubuhkan pada 1 April 2002, sebagai satu daripada sembilan institut penyelidikan UPM dengan tugas khusus untuk menerajui dan menyerlah sains penyelidikan dalam bidang sains matematik sahaja, termasuk pelbagai formula.

Prof Kamel Ariffin berkata, bagi beliau dan warga INSPEM, anugerah EMS itu adalah sesuatu yang amat berprestij bagi INSPEM dan merupakan suatu pengiktirafan tinggi terhadap tugas mereka serta peranan bahawa mereka menuju ke arah yang betul.

Segalanya bermula pada Mac tahun ini apabila EMS mengutuskan Prof Michel Waldschmidt, anggota jawatankuasa pusat dari Perancis ke INSPEM untuk membuat penilaian terhadap institut itu, yang mempunyai 35 angota, terdiri daripada 28 petugas tetap dan tujuh petugas kontrak di lima bahagian.

Bahagian berkenaan ialah Makmal Kriptografi, Analisis & Struktur; Makmal Sains Pengkomputeran & Fizik Matematik; Makmal Statistik Pengkomputeran dan Statistik & Penyelidikan Operasi; Makmal Etnomatematik & Didaktik dan Makmal Perkhidmatan Statistik & Pengkomputeran, bahagian yang menyediakan perkhidmatan kepada pihak luar dan semua fakulti, institut dan pusat di UPM apabila mereka memerlukan bantuan berkaitan statistik dan sebagainya. (<http://www.inspem.upm.edu.my>)

"EMS menilai kami berdasarkan prestasi kami dalam bidang penyelidikan, pengajaran

dan peringkat lepasan ijazah dan kualiti penyelidikan kami," kata Prof Kamel Ariffin dalam satu wawancara yang turut dihadiri timbalan beliau dan semua ketua bahagian tersebut.

Beliau berkata, kini EMS mengharapkan mereka memainkan peranan lebih menyeronde dalam memajukan matematik di persada dunia.

"EMS juga akan menjalankan peringkat PhD, terutama dari negara yang memerlukan bantuan mereka, untuk melanjutkan pengajaran di INSPEM," kata pakar matematik ini, yang memulakan kerjayanya sebagai pegawai eksekutif di Bank Negara Malaysia setelah menamatkan pengajaran di Universiti Malaya dengan Ijazah dalam bidang matematik pada 1972.

Setakat ini, INSPEM melahirkan 140 siswazah di peringkat PhD dan ijazah sarjana sains, manakala pelajarannya ketika ini terdiri daripada 80 mahasiswa yang mengambil pengajaran di peringkat PhD dan 65 di peringkat sarjana.

INSPEM juga menempatkan sekretariat Persatuan Penyelidikan Kriptologi Malaysia dan Akademi Ilmuwan Sains Matematik Malaysia, dengan Prof Kamel Ariffin menjadi presidennya.

Antara pihak luar yang menggunakan keparakan INSPEM ialah Kementerian Pertahanan dan Kementerian Pendidikan. Kementerian Pertahanan mendapatkan keparakan INSPEM dalam bidang kriptologi mengenai mesej berkod dan sulit, manakala Kementerian Pendidikan pula berkaitan program dan projek untuk meningkatkan minat pelajar mempelajari matematik.

"Kami mempunyai penyelidikan terkemuka dalam bidang kriptologi di negara ini," kata Prof Kamel Ariffin mengenai sains mesej berkod berdasarkan matematik.

Guthrie subsidiaries from 1982 to 1987. His appointment as the Independent Director at Unisem (M) Berhad since 1998 has retained to this day. The highlight of his stature in the education world was when he received the Emeritus Professorship from Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (UPM) in 1982 and the Honorary Law Doctorate from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 1999.

#### TEACHING AWARD (Applied Arts and Applied Social Sciences cluster)

#### Prof. Dr. Jayakaran Mukundan

He has written more than 80 journal articles, 23 book chapters and 30 books. His endless determination has moved him to receive various awards; five international medals, three medals at national level, 29 medals at the UPM Invention, Research and Innovation Exhibition (PRRI), and successfully secured four software copyrights.

#### ARTS AND CREATIVITY AWARD (Visual Arts/Architecture/Craft category)

#### Prof. Dr. Hajah Rahinah Ibrahim

She was listed in Top Research Scientist Malaysia by Academy of Sciences Malaysia in 2012, which also made her the sole recipient with design and architecture background to have received the award.

Her innovation in timber-based building system has gained the attention from the local construction industry and abroad. As the pioneer of this innovation, UPM has awarded her a research grant worth RM2.2 million for the development of SABSystem in restructuring Green Village (Mini Smart City) at UPM Serdang campus.

#### INNOVATION AND PRODUCT COMMERCIALISATION AWARD

#### Prof. Dr. Azni Idris

He has more than 26 years of experience in conducting research work on sewage treatment and has also been actively involved in consultancy projects (waste management) through his contribution in technical expertise, advisory services in environmental design and treatment technology for various types of industrial waste.



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## Minggu Penyelidikan tingkat kecemerlangan FPSK

Oleh Kuah Guan Oo

jumlahnya sebanyak 57% dalam tempoh kurang empat tahun.

"Kerajaan Malaysia juga memendekkan garis masuk kawal selia dan kelulusan Lembaga Semakan Semula Institusi (IRB) dan menjadikannya lebih kondusif bagi kegiatan percubaan klinikal," kata pegawai dari CRM itu, yang ditubuhkan sebagai sebuah unit di Kementerian Kesihatan pada 2007 sebelum menjadi sebuah badan korporat milik kerajaan, yang bukan mencari keuntungan, pada 2012.

Menurut beliau, di Malaysia terdapat 12 lembaga semakan semula institusi dan sebuah Jawatankuasa Etika berpusat, termasuk Jawatankuasa Penyelidikan Etika UPM.

Dari segi kemudahan penjagaan kesihatan pula, Malaysia mempunyai 132 hospital awam dan 209 hospital swasta, lapan institusi perubatan khas, 50 klinik pergigian awam dan 1,623 klinik pergigian swasta, 1,025 pusat perubatan/klinik kesihatan awam dan 6,675 pusat perubatan/klinik kesihatan swasta, di samping 1,831 klinik komuniti.

Sementara itu, Prof Madya Dr Lim Kah Leong, pengarah dan ketua saintis penyelidikan, Institut Neurosians Nasional Singapura, yang menyampaikan ceramah pleno mengenai Penyakit Parkinson's, memperkatakan tentang pendekatan bersifat serampang pelbagai mata untuk memajukan terapi neuroprotektif dan neurorestoratif bagi penyakit yang amat ditakuti.

Dengan menggunakan alat dalam penyelidikan mereka di makmal, mereka menemui ubat bagi Penyakit Parkinson's tetapi hanya untuk serangan itu, beliau bergurau dengan penontonnya.

Beliau seterusnya berkata mereka sedang mendalami penemuan sebelum sampai ke tahap percubaan klinikal.

Dr Lim berkata mereka juga menemui beberapa sebatian aktif dalam teh hijau, kopi dan wain merah yang mampu mencegah Penyakit Parkinson's.

Sementara itu, Prof Dr Adnan Hyder, pengarah Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit and Health Systems Programme, pula berkongsi beberapa datan awal melalui penyelidikan mereka tentang keselamatan jalan raya global di 10 negara dengan hadirin yang mengikuti ceramah pleno.

Penyelidikan dan penilaian terhadap strategi untuk mencegah kemalangan jalan raya, termasuk di Malaysia selama lima tahun itu, bermula pada 2010 dan berakhir apabila keputusannya dimuktamadkan.

Antara keputusan awalnya ialah pengukuasaan undang-udang dan peraturan adalah lebih penting dalam mencegah kemalangan jalan raya daripada pendidikan dan "acculturation" (pembudayaan) adalah penting bagi keselamatan jalan raya, manakala memandu adalah suatu keistimewaan, bukan hak.

"Semua perlanggaran boleh dijangka dan dicegah...sebab itu lah kami tidak menggunakan perkataan 'kemalangan' apabila memperkatakan tentang nahas kenderaan di jalan raya," katanya.

# UPM-AGROBANK sign MoU to produce more agropreneurs



Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Fauzi Ramli (3rd from left) and Agrobank President/Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Wan Mohd Fadzmi Wan Othman (2nd from right)

By Muhamad Najkhan Mazlan

SERDANG, June 27 – Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Agrobank have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in collaboration to create entrepreneurs among graduates of higher education institutions (IPT) in agriculture.

UPM Vice Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd Fauzi Ramli, said the MoU with Agrobank is important to strengthen UPM efforts in encouraging students to venture into entrepreneurship.

"With the direct assistance from the financial institution, it will help these young graduates

to shape the future of the country's agricultural sector," he said at the closing ceremony of Agropreneur Incubation Programme 2014 and UPM-Agrobank MoU signing here.

Agrobank President/Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Wan Mohd Fadzmi Wan Othman said, it is an important smart partnership in order to achieve common goals.

"The pact that has been forged with UPM is an important initiative to create a better synergy between academia and industry, particularly for the efforts of both sides to strengthen the country's agricultural industry and provide

more opportunities for young people to pursue excellent career opportunities in agro-based business," he said.

Meanwhile, Agropreneur Incubation Programme has been initiated since 2012. The programme aims to generate entrepreneurs among graduates, especially in agriculture.

Among the modules offered are crops, aquaculture, livestock, food service management and ecotourism, and the programme is carried out for six (6) months.

Thus far, the programme has generated 83 incubation graduates between 2012 until 2013.

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# UPM'S International Collaborative Programme expands to Kazakhstan

SHYMKE, Sept 17 - UPM's international collaborative programme has expanded further ashore to include Kazakhstan. An MOA to offer the dual degree with the South Kazakhstan State University (SKSU) was signed here today. UPM was represented by its Vice Chancellor, Professor Dato' Mohd. Fauzi Hj. Ramli, while SKSU was represented by its Rector, Professor Zhumakan Myrkhalykov.

Professor Dato' Mohd. Fauzi explained that, "UPM is committed to its internationalisation as an institution, and this is proof that we are serious about this."

"We have been looking to add to our international collaborative programme. With this MOA, we are spreading our wings to reach Central Asia," he elaborated.

The MOA augments the collaboration between

UPM and SKSU which had been initiated in 2012. Professor Myrkhalykov asserted that "this is an historic occasion. This is the first MOA between a Malaysian university and a Kazakhstani university."

"I believe this collaboration is most beneficial to both countries, not only in terms of international relations, but also in the implementation of joint educational programmes which will enhance our graduates' competitiveness in the world labour market," he added.

Beginning February 2015, both universities will be offering dual Masters and PhD degrees in the fields of Computer Science and Mathematics. Students who enrol on the programmes get the opportunity to spend a minimum of one year training and study in the partner institution and will obtain two degree certificates upon graduation.

SKSU is among the top three universities in Kazakhstan, and is the largest regional university of South Kazakhstan. With a student population of more than 17,000, it currently offers 88 undergraduate, 56 Masters and 14 PhD programmes.

The MOA with SKSU is part of UPM's academic tour of Kazakhstan, led by the Vice Chancellor. The UPM delegate included the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International), Professor Datuk Mad Nasir Samsudin, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Professor Bujang B.K. Huat and Associate Professor Anvarjon Ahmedov.

In addition, UPM also signed MOUs with the Kazakh National Technical University in Almaty (Kazakhstan's former capital), and with the L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University in Astana, the capital city of Kazakhstan.

# UPM launches first textbook on Tropical Rain Forest in Malaysia

By Muhamad Najkhan Mazlan

SERDANG, May 21 (UPM) - Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) has launched the first comprehensive textbook on forestry that is published in the country focusing on the tropical rain forest in Malaysia.

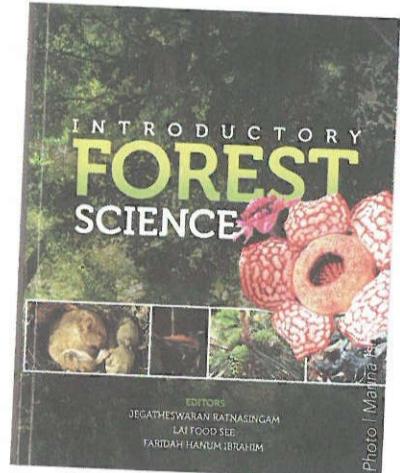
The team writer, Prof. Dr. Jegatheswaran Ratnasingam, said the text book that was launched by Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Dato' Sri Dr. James Dawos Mamit on 22nd April 2014 can be used by all readers.

"This textbook covers all aspects of the forestry field including forest types, physiology, soil types, diseases, plants and animals diversity, tree identification, water resources, harvesting practices, forest management, climatic issues, wood products as well as minor forest products such as bamboo and rattan," he said.

The editors of the book are experts with vast academic and industrial experiences which ensured the highest quality possible with regards to the facts in the book. Its target audiences are the students in forestry at Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

"UPM is currently making it a compulsory textbook for 1st and 2nd year forestry students. The book also provides a comprehensive listing of relevant references that the readers can refer to for further clarification and understanding.

"Most important the students can use this book for reference. Each chapter have an introduction of the topic, keywords that is related particular topic, main photos and graphs, learning outcomes and reference list of future reading which makes it an excellent standard



textbook for the forestry curriculum," he added.

He said, with its wide coverage of topics, the textbook should be of interest to non-forestry specialists and also to the general public. The book was also reviewed by world experts in forestry sciences in Australia and New Zealand, and it has received rousing comments.

"So far, the response to the textbook is exceptional internationally, especially from forestry organizations in the region; Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines and Indonesia," he said.

Prof. Dr. Jegatheswaran who have 15 years' experience in the timber industry, expressed the hope that the book would educate not only students in the field of forestry but also allow the public to get a better understanding about the tropical forest in Malaysia.

The textbook can be purchased at UPM Press for RM64.

# UPM's lecturers' research paper on corporate image basks in Emerald limelight

By Kuah Guan Oo

SERDANG, May 30 (UPM) - A joint research paper on corporate image by two lecturers of Universiti Putra Malaysia and their co-researcher from University of Technology Petronas has been selected by the Emerald Group Publishing as its 2014 Highly Commended Paper winner.

The research on "Building a unique online corporate identity" was led by Assoc. Prof Dr Zulhamri Abdullah, a corporate branding lecturer who is the director of the Centre of Entrepreneurial Development & Graduate Marketability (CEM) of UPM.

His co-researchers are Assoc Prof Dr Yuhani Abdul Aziz, head of the Department of Management and Marketing of UPM's Faculty of Economics and Management and Assoc Prof Dr Shahrina Md Nordin, of the Department of Management and Humanities of University of Technology Petronas.

Their paper was chosen for the Marketing Intelligence & Planning category by the jury of the UK-based global publisher, whose stated mission is to link research and practice to the benefit of society.

According to its website, the company manages a portfolio of more than 290 journals and over 2,350 books and book series volumes. It also provides an extensive range of online products and additional customer resources and services.

Dr Zulhamri and Dr Yuhani were elated over the Emerald selection, saying that it took them almost two years to complete their research and content analysis on the current state of mission and vision statements on the corporate websites of 300 Malaysian and 214 Singaporean corporations, based on Aaker's brand personality criteria.

Combining their respective field of expertise - Dr Zulhamri in communication and corporate branding, Dr Yuhani in services marketing and Dr Shahrina in corporate communication - the trio had painstakingly analysed the online mission and vision statements of these public-listed companies and examined how the Aaker's criteria were effectively used to develop a unique corporate identity.

Dr David A. Aaker is a marketing guru and



professor of marketing at the University of California at Berkeley.

"Sad to say, we found that these companies had failed our test to project themselves to the level or standard of corporate identity in the context of five characteristics used to analyse and judge their online vision and mission statements," said Dr Zulhamri.

The five criteria are sincerity, excitement, competence, sophistication and ruggedness, each of which has its own sub-characteristics. (<http://www.emeraldgroupublishing.com/authors/literati> and <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/10.1108/MIP-04-2013-0057>).

"The results were a surprise to us as well, because it showed rather poor planning and projection of corporate image by these public-listed companies.

"But we are looking at them at the upstream level which may bear only an indirect relationship as these companies tend to focus on their assurance of goods and services at the downstream level," he said.

# JOURNAL NEWS

## A Widening Stage for Pertanika JSSH

Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities is to gain in visibility and presence in the very near future with its decision to publish papers from diverse regions. The expansion of the journal's author pool to include writers from different regions of the world allows the journal to capitalise on the growing body of relevant and timely research coming from newer institutions around the world, thanks to the speedy delivery of information as a result of advances in technology.

Pertanika JSSH's growth and increased visibility is a result of discussions between Chief Executive Editor, Dr Nayan Kanwal, who attended the Quality in Postgraduate Research Conference 2014 (QPR Conference 2014), and the conference secretariat. The conference was held in Adelaide, Australia from 9-14 April.

This development records the growing strength of Pertanika JSSH as a noteworthy international scholarly journal and signals a good future for the journal as a publication of academic credibility.

## Pertanika JSSH Shines at MAPIM Awards

Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities has grabbed the MAPIM-KPM Award 2013 for an article featuring the 1970s people's response of non-resistance to deforestation known as the 'Chipko Movement', which advocated the Gandhian style of peaceful protest to stop the denuding of ancient trees in the Garhwal Himalayas of Uttar Pradesh.



The winning article, "Hugging the Trees for Life: Non-violent Rhetoric of the Chipko", was written by Shareen Mat Nayan of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and bagged the prize in the category of 'best journal article for the Social Sciences and Humanities'.



**QPR CONFERENCE 2014:** Seen in the picture from right are Professor Datuk Paduka Dr. Aini Ideris, Dr. Vijay Kumar Mallan (University of Otago), Dr. Nayan Kanwal, Sharon Victor and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Noritah Omar (extreme left) at the conference in Adelaide, Australia - 10 April 2014.

## UPM Journals Eye BioMed

UPM Journals might soon have a listing under BioMed Central, a leading Springer open-access publisher, says Dr. Nayan Kanwal, Chief Executive Editor. Brought into the fold of Springer in 2008, BioMed is an STM publisher that is among the first publishers to have ventured into OA publishing.

BioMed has more than 260 biology and medicine open-access listings that include journals as well as various other products and services such as Open Repository, a hosted digital repository. As a growing repository of quality scholarly articles, BioMed continues to be an asset to Springer in terms of its vast expertise and wide infrastructure.

The novel idea to link up with BioMed is the brainwave of Deputy Vice Chancellor (R&I), UPM, Prof. Mohd. Azmi Lila, after his meeting with Leo Cheung, BioMed's Regional Publishing Manager, recently.

## ASM Fellowship for JTAS Board Members

Congratulations to Pertanika JTAS Editor-in-Chief, Prof Tan Soon Guan, and Pertanika Editorial Board member, Prof Shamsuddin Jusop, on being awarded honorary fellowships by the Academy of Science Malaysia (ASM).

A statement from the Academy credited the recipients, who were elected together with several others, for their "outstanding contribution in the field of biological, agricultural and environmental sciences" in Malaysia.

A total of 21 new fellows were elected to the academy in its 19th annual general meeting in May, including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for his support of science and technology, which the academy asserted is the "epicentre" of the nation's economic transformation programme.

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## Pelajar UPM terima Anugerah Perdana Belia Negara

Oleh Noor Eszereen Juferi

**PUTRAJAYA (UPM)**– Pelajar Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Jufitri Joha terima Anugerah Perdana Belia Negara 2014 bagi Kategori Lelaki sempena Majlis Konvensyen Belia Kebangsaan yang berlangsung baru-baru ini.

Jufitri yang merupakan pelajar tahun pertama jurusan Doktor Falsafah Pengajian Belia di Institut Pengajian Sains Sosial (IPSAS) menerima wang tunai sebanyak RM20,000.00 berserta sijil penghargaan dan piala iringan daripada Perdana Menteri, Dato' Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, di Pusat konvensyen Antarabangsa Putrajaya (PICC) pada 15 April 2014.

Jufitri berkata penerimaan penganugerahan itu tidak dijangka kerana beliau perlu bersaing dengan 14 calon yang mempunyai portfolio yang hebat dengan sumbangan masing-masing.

“Dengan anugerah ini ianya pencetus semangat untuk saya untuk terus menyumbang dalam pembangunan belia di Malaysia dan berhasrat untuk mengjurukan roadshow

berkongsi tips kejayaan kepada belia di seluruh Malaysia,” katanya.

Tambah beliau, belia pada masa kini perlu cekal serta menekuni ilmu dan memberi contoh yang baik kepada masyarakat dalam memberi inspirasi dan contoh yang positif.

“Harapan saya agar lebih ramai lagi generasi muda akan tampil sebagai ikon belia sejagat serta mempersiapkan diri dengan ilmu, kemahiran, kerohanian dan kepimpinan untuk menjadi agen perubah kepada masyarakat global,” katanya.

Sementara itu, Anugerah Belia Negara telah mula diperkenalkan pada tahun 1988, kemudian pada tahun 2011 anugerah ini dikenali Anugerah Perdana Belia Negara bertujuan untuk memberi penghargaan kepada individu dan organisasi yang telah memberikan sumbangan terhadap pembangunan belia Malaysia dalam pelbagai bidang.

## Pelajar UPM juara Mister Planet Malaysia, ikon belia dalam isu alam sekitar

Oleh Noor Eszereen Juferi

**SERDANG** – Pelajar Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Nazmin Nordin, berjaya menjuarai Mister Planet Malaysia 2015 serta dilantik sebagai duta untuk Institut Penyelidikan Perhutanan Malaysia (FRIM) bagi menjadi ikon belia dalam isu alam sekitar.

Nazmi, 25, merupakan pelajar Sarjana Perubatan Nuklear (Pengimejan Molekul) UPM turut memenangi kategori Mister Photogenic dan Mister Intelligence akan mewakili Malaysia ke Madrid, Sepanyol turut memenangi wang tunai RM3,000 dan trofi berserta sash daripada Malaysia United Nations Pageant (MUNP).

Dengan kemenangan itu beliau berazam untuk mempertingkatkan pendedahan kepada umum dalam melestarikan alam sekitar. Beliau turut menyeru kepada belia untuk menjadikan alam sekitar sebagai aset atau ‘capital’ dalam menjaga persekitaran untuk generasi masa depan.

“Saya tidak menganggap alam sekitar sebagai sumber kerana pastinya akan pupus tanpa pemuliharaan yang insentif. Oleh itu kempen hijau antaranya aktiviti seperti penanaman semula pokok adalah salah satu usaha dalam memelihara serta memulihara alam sekitar,” katanya.

Tambah beliau dengan adanya pertandingan sebegini oleh MUNP secara langsung memotivasi belia untuk melibatkan diri secara aktif dalam aktiviti pemuliharaan alam sekitar yang kini menjadi isu serius negara.

Sementara itu, Mister Planet Malaysia 2015 dianjurkan oleh Malaysian United Nations Pageant di bawah kelolaan Azman Bosri untuk bertanding di Madrid, Sepanyol pada tahun hadapan dengan 60 peserta seluruh dunia.



## Young Scientist Day pupuk minat pelajar sekolah dalam bidang sains

Oleh Noor Eszereen Juferi

**SERDANG**, 27 Mei (UPM) – Fakulti Perubatan dan Sains Kesihatan (FPSK), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) anjur program Young Scientist Day bagi memupuk minat 350 pelajar sekolah yang diundang khas ke majlis itu pada 27 Mei.

Majlis itu juga bertujuan mempromosikan Muzium Anatomi Manusia UPM yang terletak di fakulti itu.

Pengarah program, Dr. Sandra Maniam berkata program yang julung kali diadakan itu akan memanfaatkan pelajar sekolah dalam mempelajari bidang sains meneroka prinsip saintifik dalam badan manusia dengan cara yang menyeronokkan.

“Pada program kali ini, kami telah menekankan pada fungsi badan manusia dengan mengadakan aktiviti melibatkan deria, bau dan juga penyelarasian badan dan saya berharap pelajar akan mengenal pasti perkara menarik tentang sains,” katanya.

Program yang berlangsung pada 27 Mei lalu turut mengadakan aktiviti hands on antaranya



skeletal dance, lava lamp, candle lit energy, exploring your body with a Dino eye; how to make natural room/home air freshener; puzzle of bones; origami; balloon rocket; floating ping pong; H2O Rocket; Wonders of Human Body; Mad Scientist Lab; Land with Parachute and Humpty Dumpty.

Ibu peserta, Marina Ismail berkata program itu turut memberi pendedahan baharu kepada

anak belia Adam Zacqwan Syefry Moniz, 11 dan Azam Zeffry Syefry Moniz, 8 yang merupakan pengalaman pertama mereka mengikuti aktiviti sebegini.

“Program ini tidak hanya fokus kepada bidang perubatan malah mengenai semua aspek ilmu sains keseluruhan dan mudah difahami oleh pelajar sekolah yang masih meneroka dalam bidang tersebut,” katanya.

## Pelajar UPM naib juara pertandingan teknologi makanan



Oleh Noor Eszereen Juferi

**SERDANG**, 24 Jun (UPM) – Sepasukan pelajar pasca siswazah Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) telah memenangi tempat ke-2 pada persaingan teknologi makanan antarabangsa di New Orleans, Amerika Syarikat.

Pelajar-pelajar tersebut telah bersaing dalam Developing Solutions for Developing Countries (DSDC), pertandingan yang dianjurkan oleh Institute of Food Technologists Student Association (IFTSA), Amerika Syarikat.

Untuk edisi kali ini, persaingan DSDC telah diadakan di Pusat Konvensyen Morial New Orleans pada 23 Jun 2014, bersempena dengan Mesyuarat Tahunan IFT kali ke-14 dan Ekspo Makanan (21-24 Jun 2014).

DSDC menggalakkannya aplikasi sains dan teknologi makanan, pembangunan produk serta proses baharu yang disasarkan untuk meningkatkan kualiti hidup rakyat di negara-negara membangun.

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## UPM PRIHATIN

# Free Market UPM beri barang percuma kepada masyarakat



## Maestro biola UPM menang anugerah emas Muzik Global

Oleh Kuah Guan Oo

SERDANG, 27 Mei (UPM) - Dr Joanne Yeoh, maestro biola dan ketua Jabatan Muzik Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) memenangi Pingat Emas Anugerah Muzik Global (GMA) melalui album baharunya berjudul After A Dream.

Keputusan itu diumumkan dalam laman web GMA, organisasi berpejabat di California, yang menghakimi dan memberi publisiti kepada pemuzik bebas dari seluruh dunia. Di samping menggunakan standard penghakiman yang tinggi, GMA memberi pengiktirafan terhadap karya dan kreativiti luar biasa seseorang pemuzik.

"Saya anggap anugerah ini sebagai suatu rahmat dan pengiktirafan terhadap karya saya sebagai ahli muzik kerana saya tidak meletakkan sebarang harapan apabila menyertai pertandingan ini," kata Dr Yeoh dalam wawancara di pejabat beliau.

Menurut Dr Yeoh, seperti pemuzik bebas lain, beliau mengemukakan "After A Dream" untuk memeriahkan pertandingan antarabangsa GMA itu dan amat gembira apabila para hakim bebas menganugerahkan Pingat Emas untuk album itu (<http://www.thegma.net>).

Album yang memuatkan 10 lagu ciptaan khas itu dilancarkan di sini pada 10 Disember 2013 sebagai hadiah kepada peminat dan pengikutnya. Walaupun ia hanya boleh dibeli secara dalam talian, tetapi setakat ini, lebih 1,000 unit telah terjual ([www.joanneyeoh.com.my](http://www.joanneyeoh.com.my)).

Dr Yeoh berkata kebanyakan pemuzik yang mengemukakan karya mereka kepada GMA terdiri daripada pemuzik yang tidak begitu terikat dengan apa yang dikenali sebagai 'formula muzik poppy'. Sebaliknya, mereka yang menyertai pertandingan ini lebih menggemari muzik klasik 'eklektil', crossover dan hasil ciptaan mereka dihakimi mengikut beberapa kategori seperti seni muzik, ciptaan, kreativiti dan keaslian.

Sementara itu, 1,000 pengunjung telah menghadiri program ini terdiri daripada badan kebajikan iaitu Baitul Kasih, Pertubuhan Amal Cahaya Keajaiban NM, Rumah Anak Yatim Dengkil, Persatuan Ibu Tunggal Gombak, Madrasah Adiniah serta golongan orang kurang upaya (OKU) dan warga tua sekitar Serdang, Putrajaya dan Kuala Lumpur.

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Dr Yeoh menyertai UPM pada 2000 dan pada 2009, beliau menamatkan pengajian peringkat PhD di Heriot Watt University, dengan



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memberi fokus terhadap muzik dan tingkah laku pengguna.

Beliau telah mengadakan banyak persembahan dan kepada peminatnya, Dr Yeoh begitu diingati kerana mengadakan persembahan bersama superstar Hong Kong Jacky Cheung dan Alan Tam serta bintang pujian ramai dari Taiwan, David Tao.

After A Dream ialah album kedua Dr Yeoh, hasil kolaborasi dengan Daniel Veerapen, seorang pemuzik dan komposer Malaysia yang terkenal.

Antara lagu dalam album baru ini ialah Simple Gifts, Miserlou, Dixie's Land, Everytime I Pray, Greensleeves, Khos Kale Mazel Tov - Hava Nagila, Tango, After a Dream, Danny Boy and Goin' Home.

Ditanya kalau beliau sedang berancang album ketiga, beliau berkata adalah terlu awal bagi beliau memikir perkara itu.

Oleh Noor Eszereen Juferi

SERDANG, 19 Julai (UPM) - Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) anjur Free Market iaitu program kemasyarakatan dengan memberi barang percuma, iaitu barang-baru dan terpakai yang masih elok kepada masyarakat miskin.

Program yang julung kali diadakan merupakan tanggungjawab sosial (CSR) warga UPM untuk membantu masyarakat tanpa mengharapkan balasan serta meningkatkan sifat tolol menolong sesama insan.

Pengarah program, Rafidah Sadarudin berkata keunikan program ini adalah ketidaaan urusan jual beli dan penerima boleh mengambil barang tersebut secara percuma.

"Sasaran penerima adalah kepada anak yatim, asnaf, ibu tunggal serta pihak kami memastikan hanya barang yang baik sahaja dibenarkan untuk diberi dan dipilih oleh masyarakat," katanya di Dewan Besar, Pusat Kebudayaan dan Keseniaan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah di mana "free market" julung kali diadakan.

Tambah beliau, program ini turut mendidik peribadi dan mengajar secara langsung tentang berkongsi kepada pihak yang lebih memerlukan.

"Free Market bukannya pertandingan untuk mengambil peluang dengan mengambil barang secepat mungkin. Kami membiarkan pelangan untuk menentukan barang yang sesuai untuk diambil," katanya.

Antara barang yang disumbangkan oleh orang

awam kepada program Free Market ialah pakaian, peralatan serta perhiasan rumah, buku, kasut, barang elektronik, barang dapur dan permainan kanak-kanak.

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## UPM - Standard Chartered tanam 1,000 pokok hijaukan kampus

Oleh Noor Eszereen Juferi

SERDANG, 21 Jun (UPM) - Universiti Putra Malaysia dengan kerjasama Scope International Malaysia anjur program Eco Day 2014 menanam 1,000 anak pokok simbolik dalam menyokong aktiviti hijau serta melestarikan alam sekitar yang mampan.

Program yang bertemakan 'Planting for our planet' itu melambangkan komitmen tinggi anak syarikat Standard Chartered Bank itu dan pihak universiti dalam memikul tanggungjawab sosial korporat serta membudayakan masyarakat dalam memastikan persekitaran yang unggul di masa depan.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Scope International (M) Sdn. Bhd., Encik Kwan Chee Sun berkata program tersebut secara langsung mendidik masyarakat untuk menyokong penuh aktiviti hijau yang akan membantu peningkatan dalam pemuliharaan alam sekitar.

"Kempen hijau tidak dapat dicapai melalui aktiviti semata-mata dan memerlukan usaha yang berterusan dalam membuat perubahan kecil dalam kehidupan harian serta kita mampu untuk merealisasikan perkara ini," katanya dalam ucapan pada program Eco Day 2014 di Bukit Ekspo, UPM.

Turut hadir dalam program tersebut Pengarah Pusat Kurikulum dan Pembangunan Pelajar, Prof. Madya Dr. Abdul Rashid Jamian yang mewakili Timbalan Naib Canselor (Hal Ehwal Pelajar & Alumni) UPM, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shatir Sabran.

Sementara itu, antara aktiviti yang dijalankan antaranya cabaran kitar semula di mana para peserta telah diminta untuk menghasilkan alat praktikal, melalui kursus halangan dalam cabaran pertempuran serta segment rivia alam sekitar di mana para peserta dikehendaki menjawab satu set soalan yang berkaitan alam sekitar termasuk mengenalpasti nama pokok.

Pelajar tahun satu Fakulti Sains Teknologi Maklumat, UPM Nor Azrina Ahmad Rizan berkata program ini secara langsung memberi pendedahan mengenai pasti nama saintifik pokok serta kenalpasti jenis bau rempah ratus.

"Ini merupakan pengalaman pertama saya mengikuti program sebegini dan ianya menarik serta menambah pengetahuan saya mengenai kepentingan menjaga pokok serta alam sekitar," katanya.

Rakannya Muhammad Syafiq Farhan Boo Omar Boo, pelajar tahun dua Fakulti Pengajian pendidikan berkata program tersebut adalah kreatif dalam mendidik masyarakat UPM terutamanya pelajar untuk lebih peka dengan kepeninggan alam sekitar.

"Pada awalnya saya menganggap program ini tidak menarik kerana selalunya program hijau klise, hanya mengadakan larian tetapi aktiviti di sini yang disediakan oleh pihak pengajur adalah baru untuk saya memfokuskan kepada semangat pasukan dan riadah," katanya.



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