

Platform for future food science technologists to hone skills



Dr Koh giving a talk during the 11th National Food Science and Technology Competition at UTAR Kampar campus.

SOME 16 universities took part in the 11th National Food Science and Technology Competition at Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) Kampar campus.

Apart from UTAR, the others included Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC), Taylor's University, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Management and Science University, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin and Universiti Putra Malaysia.

The competition was organised by the Malaysia Institute of Food

Technology (MIFT).

UTAR's Science Faculty dean Associate Professor Dr Lim Tuck Meng said participants could hone their analytical skills through the competition.

"As researchers, you need to identify and analyse the problem before proposing effective and viable solutions," he said.

Assoc Prof Lim added as future food science technologists, participants should come up with effective solutions for global issues faced by mankind.

"You need to start thinking about creating a sustainable food system to solve insufficient food supply due

to the growing population.

"Use this competition as an opportunity to relearn things that you thought you already know and look at them from a different perspective," he said.

Apart from the competition, there were also two talks. The first was given by MIFT president Dr Koh Yew Ming who spoke on the importance of regulations in monitoring and evaluating the competency of people carrying out food analysis.

The second was on using advanced technology to produce safer food.

TAR UC will host the next competition in 2021.