

UMS wins anti-corruption debate contest

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) won the 2022 Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Chief Commissioner's Cup Higher Education Institution (IPT) Anti-Corruption Debate Competition recently.

UMS received a cash prize of RM5,000 along with two trophies and a certificate, while runner-up Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) won RM3,000 cash, a trophy and a certificate of participation.

At the competition, UMS debater Nur Fatehah Nordie received the Finalist Best Debater Award which came with a prize of RM1,000, a trophy and a certificate.

MACC Deputy Chief Commissioner Datuk Seri Norazlan Mohd Razali said that the debate was a channel for

voicing thoughtful views and constructive criticism of the government's and MACC's efforts in fighting corruption.

"The ideas of the debaters are so important in helping the government and MACC in shaping the canvas of the anti-corruption struggle in this country.

"Current issues related to corruption that are often raised by netizens based on inaccurate sources can create a negative perception of MACC and the government, but this could be changed by organizing programs involving students like this," he said at the closing ceremony of the competition at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM).

A total of 36 teams representing 16 public universities, four private universities, seven Teacher Education Institutions

and nine from Mara Education Institutions took part in the competition.

UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Hj Mansor congratulated the UMS debate team while describing the success as a proud achievement for the entire campus.

"Debating skills not only show the ability to communicate but also highlight the extent to which a person knows exactly how to use the sharpness of thinking about an issue or debate material that is being discussed.

"In other words, debate is an activity that has a high impact on the maturity of a student," he said, adding that it also inspires other students to continue to excel in and outside the academic field as well as proving that this university always produces competitive students.



The UMS debate team with the trophy, certificate and prize.