

Innovative food wins award at UMS carnival

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KOTA KINABALU: An innovative healthy food product won the PKPP Director's Special Award and the Gold Award at the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Co-Curriculum and Student Development Centre (PKPP) Innovation Carnival which was held online recently.

The CaShoots Nugget produced by students of the Institutional and Community Interaction (INTERIM) Section 7 were recognized by the jury for meeting the characteristics of 'simple and realistic innovation'.

Also known as 'Cassava Plant Nugget', the product uses potato sprouts, starch, wheat flour, cooking oil and chicken eggs as the main ingredients.

The students also emerged as the winners of the Best Presentation Award in the 'live' category through their presenter, Alec Sean Tiannok Sunga.

For the Best Presentation Award in the video category, the winner was a Section 102 Student Organisation Management student.

PKPP UMS director Dr Jurry Foo informed that the innovation carnival held for the first time to start the 2021/2022 session was an effort to cultivate a culture of invention among students.

He said it was a new component of Teaching and Learning (PdP) in addition to credited co-curricular courses.

"This semester, we have

received 61 participations of innovation from all courses offered at PKPP, including student participants from UMS Labuan International Campus (KAL) and the Faculty of Sustainable Agriculture Sandakan.

"This carnival saw 13 innovations awarded gold, 31 silver and 17 bronze certificates. Overall, I am very proud of the seriousness and commitment of the coaches and students in producing their ideas.

"Therefore, I am also honored to sponsor the special winner of the PKPP Director's Award this semester to represent UMS in an online innovation competition at a higher level," Jurry said.

According to him, three other groups of participants who showed good performance were sponsored by two deputy directors of PKPP, Dr Colonius Atang and Associate Professor Dr Pathmanathan K. Suppiah; and chief coordinator of PKPP Innovation Carnival, Dr Sharifah Rahama Amirul.

"On behalf of PKPP, we will also continue to strive to offer excellent educational services, especially for credited co-curricular courses in order to play an effective function in supporting the university education ecosystem," added Jurry.

The closing ceremony of the two-day carnival was officiated

by the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and UMS Alumni, Prof Dr Raman Noordin representing the Vice Chancellor of UMS, Prof Datuk ChM Ts Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin.

In his speech, Taufiq said UMS fully supported PKPP's efforts to form holistic students through innovation, in line with the vision of the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia.

"This is also very much in line with the country's aspiration towards producing quality and educated human capital not only in the academic field but also in the ability to master soft skills.

"Indeed, a balanced generation in various aspects is the country's jewel asset to drive

development and at the same time increase Malaysia's ability to compete at the international level," he said.

Meanwhile, the recipient of the Best Coach Award, Sakinah Ithnin said that the PKPP Innovation Carnival had created a competitive spirit among the students under her guidance.

"Through this program, cooperation between students is easier to form. Well done and congratulations to the management of PKPP for the initiative of organising the carnival which is very beneficial.

"Hopefully, such a programme will be able to continue in the future," Sakinah concluded.