

“An unexpected win and fame!”

UMS TEAM EMERGED NATIONAL CHAMPION AT THE 2nd NATIONAL INTERNSHIP CHALLENGE 2008

“Universiti Malaysia Sabah does have its quality and standards after all!” This is what everyone said when four students, Prakashimma Rao, Reagan Arukiam, Logeswaran Kannan, and Ruban Chakkravarthi Mariyadass, three belonging to the School of Business and Economics (SBE) and one from the School of Education and Social Development (SPPS), was reported to have won the championship of the 2nd National Level Internship Challenge organized by Jobmarket Malaysia.

Jobmarket Malaysia, under the Basis Group of Companies, has embarked upon a nationwide tripartite collaboration on industrial training. This effort is made possible due to the support from the Ministry of Human Resources and Ministry of Higher Education. The 2nd National Level Internship Challenge involves students from renowned universities and colleges all over Malaysia, which gathers all candidates from the corporate world to compete amongst themselves upon gaining victory from this competition.

Having impressed the top management of Jobmarket Malaysia in a debate, candidates were assigned to another task — 200 survey forms were prepared and distributed to the candidates asking them to meet with the CEO's of large companies. The candidates' challenge was to persuade the CEO's to complete the survey forms and to take up packages involving the employment of interns. People who are exposed to the corporate world would surely know the difficulty of this task, as:

- Getting an appointment to meet a CEO is never easy
- Persuading them to buy a package that will give them supply of interns is more than difficult.

Being as such, it is very impressive that students from our university were well-equipped with the required professionalism and capacity to carry themselves, as well as the NAME OF OUR UNIVERSITY, to meet, talk with and impress these people at the national level. It should be noted that students are not only competing against other students of the same rank or level—but against competitors from the pressure-filled corporate world.

The finale of the challenge was held at the Berjaya Times Square, Kuala Lumpur in a format similar to the shows 'Amazing Race' and 'Apprentice'. We are proud to say that the UMS team performed impressively. The tasks set tested mental as well as physical capabilities, and a contestant must demonstrate well-rounded knowledge. Knowledge possessed must be up-to-date and include scientific knowledge, general knowledge, as well as an firm grasp and appreciation of economical issues. Upon winning this championship, the contestants will definitely be capable of joining the corporate world at any time!

