

Instil Culture of Research and Innovation: Vice-Chancellor

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MONDAY, 15 APRIL – UMS staff, especially researchers are urged to continue with their activities in research and innovation to ensure that UMS remains as the reference point and well respected within and outside of the country.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah said that the Management of the University will always put priority to the provision of good research facilities in efforts to enrich culture and intensify excellence in research and innovation, in line with UMS-Key Research Area 2 (UMS-KRA 2) UMS Strategik Plan

2013-2017.

“Seed money will continue to be made available to young researchers, aside from grants to assist in postgraduate research. The University will continue to have the grant to protect intellectual property, attend conferences and take part in exhibitions and designs in national and international level,” he said when officiating at the UMS Researchers Award 2012 at Promenade Hotel, Kota Kinabalu.

Datuk Dr. Harun added that intellectual property from research and innovation is an important asset of the university which can generate income when they are successfully commercialised. Hence, UMS signed a strategic cooperation agreement with the Malaysian Innovation Agency (AIM) in 2012 in efforts to maximise the commercialisation of UMS innovation potential.

“Under this agreement, AIM will assist UMS in the field of Industry Matching, legal advice on intellectual property including the commercialising, and assist in the process of discussions with potential industries. I hope researchers will take full advantage of this opportunity,” he further added.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Prof. Dr. Shahril Yusof said the organising of this function is to appreciate and recognise our researchers who made a name for UMS in every level. He clarified that the recognition such as this would encourage researchers to produce more quality research products which can be commercialised and encouraged the researchers towards research and innovation excellence.

“We hope that researchers will take advantage of this recognition given to them and a push to work harder thus contributes towards improving UMS MyRa score,” he said.

That night saw Associate Prof. Dr. Charles S. Vairappan from the Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation (IBTP) awarded the Pilot Researcher Award 2012 (Tokoh Penyelidik Malim) which won him a cash reward of RM3,000 and a certificate. The Model Researcher Award (Anugerah Tokoh Penyelidik) was bagged by Associate Prof. Dr. Clemente Michael Wong from the Biotechnology Research Institute for the Science Category, and Associate Prof. Dr. Ismail Ali from the School of Social Sciences for the Humanities Category. Both took home cash prize of

RM2,000 and certificate each. As for the Young Researcher Award (Tokoh Penyelidik Muda) was won by Dr. Mohd. Fadzelly Abu Bakar from the Institute of Tropical Biology and Conservation (IBTP) in the Science Category whilst for the Humanities Category, it was secured by Ricky Chia Chee Jun from the School of Business and Economy. Both took home cash prize of RM1,500 and certificate each.

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