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## UPNM Champs in Royal Debate Competition 2014

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WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY – The debate team from the National Defence University Malaysia (UPNM) topped the 16<sup>th</sup> Royal Debate when they emerged champion in the Malay Language Main Category Debate defeating Universiti Tun Hussein Malaysia (UTHM) in the finals held at the Recital Hall (Dewan Resital) UMS.

At the competition, both teams debated on 'Patriotism is Heritage', with UPNM being the government and UTHM opposition.

The win saw UPNM taking home a cash prize of RM5,000 plus trophy, whilst UTHM received a cash prize of RM3,000.

The success of UPNM debate team was boosted further when their third debater, Wan Azizul Wan Zulkifli crowned the Best Debater bringing home a cash prize of RM1,000.

Host UMS won the Malay Language Young Category debate when they beat International Islamic University Malaysia (UIAM) to emerge champion, winning a cash prize of RM4,000 plus trophy. UMS debater, Mohd. Faisal Abd. Raub was adjudged the best debater taking home a cash prizeof RM1,000.

UIAM further outshone other teams in the English Language Main Category when it beat Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) to take home a cash prize of RM5,000. UIAM debater, Syed Saddiq Syed Abd Rahman also emerged as the best debater for this category.

However, in the English Language Young Category, they lost to UiTM, who also took the best debater award in the said category through Jasmine Ho. UiTM team won a cash prize of RM4,000 and a trophy whilst UIAM received a cash prize of RM2,000.

The prizes were presented by the Head of State, Tun Datuk Seri Panglima (Dr.) Haji Juhar Datuk Haji Mahiruddin. Also present were UMS Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah and Chairman of the Malaysian Universities Debating Council (MADUM), Prof. Datuk Mizan Hitam. – MA (fl)

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