

UMS student wins MIA award

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KOTA KINABALU: University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) students have once again created success at the national level by receiving recognition from the Malaysia Institute of Accountants (MIA) through the MIA National Accounting Student Excellence Award 2022.

Shathiswaran S. Rajagopal, a final year Bachelor of Accounting with Honors student at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Business (FPEP) UMS received the award in conjunction with the MIA International Accountants Conference (MIAC) 2023 which was organised on June 13 to 14 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC).

The award emphasises the academic and extracurricular excellence of students throughout their studies at local universities.

Shathiswaran when contacted expressed his excitement and gratitude for the award.

“Receiving this award is the proudest moment in my studies. I feel very privileged to receive this honor. I also believe that this award will be able to give me more space and opportunities in



Shathiswaran showing the award.

the world of work in the future.

“I am also proud to be able to bring the name of UMS into the world of accounting in Malaysia and also internationally,” he added.

Shathiswaran is from Kampar, Perak and is currently undergoing practical training at Baker Hughes Malaysia as a Reporting and Statutory Intern for six months.

“I hope that more students will

try to practise balance between academic field as well as co-curricular involvement as well as taking semester leave to undergo voluntary industrial training (voluntary internship) to develop soft skills and knowledge.

“Academic achievements alone will not take us further, what is more important is the ability to communicate that can be gained from involvement in extracurriculars and volunteering,” he explained.

In addition, UMS explained in a statement that the award was given to the best student of a local university recognised under the Accountants Act 1967, thereby enhancing the name of UMS at the national level.

In addition to recognition under the Accountants Act 1967, the UMS Bachelor of Accountancy with Honors programme is also recognised by several professional accounting bodies including the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA), the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).