

Teachers did good job in instilling positive values to students at primary and secondary level

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"In my opinion, teachers have done a good job in instilling positive values to students at the primary and secondary level.

"However, I realised that when these students enter universities or colleges, they experience culture shock and are exposed to negative influences which may cause them to stray from the right path.

"Hence, this is why MACC in cooperation with its strategic partners have given IPTA students a chance to give their ideas in helping MACC create a community that is anti-corruption," he said.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Kasim Mansor who also witnessed the competition, said they fully welcomed MACC's efforts in trying to introduce an anti-corruption culture among its students.

Kasim said the competition not only empowers the students

but also serves as a platform to comment on two important issues that are always discussed in the country – corruption and integrity.

He said the contest may also inspire debaters and all other parties involved to be agents in spreading understanding and awareness about the dangers of corruption to the community and country.

"Losing or winning is customary in competitions. The most important thing, however, is the struggle to ensure issues and information regarding corruption and integrity can be disseminated to the outside community," he said.

A total of 40 teams from various educational institutions participated in the competition which was held from June 2 to 8.

The preliminary, quarter-final and semi-final stages were held online through the Zoom meeting application, while the finals were held physically at UMS.