

## Mohd Izwan and Yeap Leng Siew win Royal Awards

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KOTA KINABALU: Mohammad Izwan Bin Ahmad and Yeap Leng Siew won top honours yesterday winning the Royal Awards in the bumiputera and non-bumiputera categories respectively.

The duo earned their awards during the fifth Universiti Malaysia Sabah convocation at UMS here yesterday.

They received their awards from UMS Chancellor Tun Ahmadshah Abdullah who is the Head of State. They were chosen for their academic and co-curriculum excellence.

Mohammad Izwan, 23, from Putatan attributed the award to his wife, parents and his siblings.

Second in a family of four, Mohammad Izwan graduated with First Class Honours in Food Science Degree.

"The challenge I faced was managing my time. To be successful in academic and co-curriculum, good discipline must be instilled," he said in sharing his ingredients of success.

According to him, he had always been an active person in co-curriculum activities, but "when it comes to crunching the books he will be on them."

"If you want to get active in sports, it does not mean that we must forget to study," he said adding that the trick was having a good time management.

Mohammad Izwan who wants to be a lecturer had his secondary studies at SM La Salle until Form 3 before moving on to Maktab Rendah Sains Mara (MRSM) where he scored 10 units in his Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia.

For Yeap Leng Siew, 23, who hails from Kuala Lumpur, she did not expect the award.

"I'm thankful to my lecturers for educating me and my family for their constant support," she said.

On her difficult challenges while in university, Yeap said it was the preparations for the examinations.

"But during lectures, I concentrated well and that helped me," she said adding that self-discipline is a must for anyone who wants to succeed.



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