

Indonesian student wins UMS 30th Jubilee International Speech Championship

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah Toastmasters Club (UMS TMC) successfully hosted the UMS 30th Jubilee International Speech Championship from November 15 to 19.

The championship, held in conjunction with UMS's 30th anniversary and Toastmasters International's 100th anniversary celebration, brought together 44 students from 30 universities across Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, and the Philippines, showcasing their exceptional public speaking talents.

Philip Kusuma Surya and Katherine Luckman Bahagia from Sampoerna University, Indonesia were the champion and first runner-up and Chong Chak Man from University Malaysia Sabah, second runner-up.

The event celebrated the power of communication and leadership, fostering regional connections among aspiring young leaders.

Participants delivered captivating speeches that impressed the judges and audiences, demonstrating creativity, eloquence and confidence in every round. Complementing the championship, free educational sessions were held on November 16 at UMS, attracting a diverse audience eager to learn from seasoned professionals.

The sessions featured renowned speakers, all members of Toastmasters International from various clubs.

The championship also received overwhelming support from nearly 100 members of Toastmasters International from Division K (Sabah and Labuan), who came together to mentor and encourage the young clubs. Among the notable supporters were Division K Director, Mejar Kong Yu Kiong, Area K1 Director, Clarence Ng, Area K2 Director Frankie Ching and Area K3 Director, Yusra Afiqah, who also served as the Installing Officer during the Officer Installation Ceremony.

That evening, UMS Toastmasters Club held its first-ever Officer Installation Ceremony at Courtyard Hotel, 1 Borneo. The event, a formal Toastmasters tradition, celebrated the induction of the club's new leadership team.

The newly installed Club President, Syahir Syah, addressed the attendees, emphasizing the club's commitment to fostering personal and professional growth among its members. Guests, including esteemed alumni, supporters and students, witnessed the club's symbolic transition into a new chapter of growth and excellence.

Division K Director Mejar Kong was the guest of honor for the

installation.

The championship concluded with a grand closing ceremony, officiated by the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Prof Madya Dr Raman Noordin, who commended the efforts of UMS Toastmasters Club in fostering leadership and communication skills among students.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor's presence added prestige to the event, marking it as a significant achievement for the university and the region. During the ceremony, Program Director, Hakeem Hassan, delivered heartfelt closing remarks, reflecting on the teamwork, dedication and success of the event.

The UMS 30th Jubilee International Speech Championship and its accompanying events were a resounding success, reflecting UMS Toastmasters Club's dedication to empowering students and promoting public speaking excellence.

The memories forged during this momentous occasion are set to inspire even greater achievements in the future. UMS Toastmasters Club extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated and supported this remarkable event, making it an unforgettable milestone in the club's journey.



Group photo after the closing ceremony of UMS 30th Jubilee International Speech Championship.