

UMS bags 10 medals in BioMalaysia 2010

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) bagged 10 medals in the recent biotechnology exhibition & innovation held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on November 1-3.

The exhibition, also known as BioMalaysia 2010 is Malaysia's premier and largest biotechnology conference and exhibition since 2005.

This yearly event provides a strategic platform in cultivating fresh ideas, practical solutions and effective collaboration from the global and Malaysian biotechnology industry

participants.

The 2010 UMS research team was led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UMS (Research & Innovation) Professor Dr Rosnah Ismail, who oversaw all research and innovation work in the university.

Competing with giants from around the world in the field of biotechnology, the UMS team returned home jubilant with two gold medals, two silvers and six bronzes from the prestigious event.

The two gold medals were respectively won by Associate Professor Dr

Suhaimi Md Yasir for his work on "Development of Mini Estate System in Seaweed Cultivation", and Associate Professor Dr Vijay Kumar for his innovation on "Estimation of Genome Size using Real-Time PCR".

UMS' silver awards came from the area of Agriculture, Forestry & Food with the innovation titled "Development of Veggie Noodle from Sabah Tropical Seaweeds" by Dr Patricia Matanjun.

Wilson Yong Thau Lym also took home a silver with his "EucheRich™ - An Optimised Eucheema spp. Cul-

turing Media".

The bronze was awarded to Associate Professor Dr Chye Fook Yee (BioNovus: A novel natural bio-preservative to ensure food remain safe and unspoiled), Kenneth Rodrigues (SEEDPRINT: A PCR Based Method for the Identification of Commercial Seeds), Ag Ahmad Md Yunus (Mengkuang Composite), Assoc Prof Dr Charles Vairappan (Essence of Curry Leaf: Healthy Salad Dressing), Hartinie Marbawie (Development of Labisa Microkit: Medium Formulation for In Vitro Culture

of Kacip Fatimah), and Dr Liew Kang Chiang (Kenaf Core as Filler in Road).

UMS at the BioMalaysia 2010 competed with over 100 international and local counterparts which included BioNexus Companies, international biotechnology-related companies, venture capitalists, research institutions, universities and government bodies and agencies.

It attracted more than 7,000 participants including 40 biotechnology experts from 30 countries who spoke at the conference.