UMS student's Darfur article wins prize

KOTA KINABALU: An article on "Darfur, Sudan Humanitarian Issue" won for Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) student, Siti Nur Zulaiha binti Lailee @ Azman, the first prize in the "Young Humanitarian Writers Competition 2015" for the Non-journalist (Malay language) category.

The competition jointly organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and National Press Club Malaysia, in cooperation with the Malaysian Red Crescent saw the article of International Relations programme third year student being

the best among all participants.

Her writings emphasised on the conflict situations in Sudan and how humanitarian aid to the people of Sudan was blocked by the government, had enabled her to take home the prize money of RM1,500 and an

electronic gadget.

The prizes were presented by Head of ICRC Sabah, Dominique Earnshaw at an awards presentation ceremony held at the Gallery, UMS.

UMS also won other prizes in the competition; third prize went to Mohd Ariff Mohd Noor, including two finalists namely Audrey Michelle Peter and Zaenushan Adrizan bin Zubir.

The competition themed "Respecting Life and Human Dignity" among others aimed to encourage young people to understand and discuss matters relating to international law, action and principles in humanitarian issues.

Also present at the ceremony was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic and International, Prof. Dr. D Kamarudin D Mudin.