

UMS wins five film awards

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) won five film awards in the 12th Malaysia Students Creative Content Festival organised by Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) and National Film Development Corporation Malaysia (Finas) recently.

Two short films titled 'Slayer' and a documentary 'Angkiluang' both directed by Mohd Syaiful Reezak Harith managed to win first place.

The film 'Slayer' a science fiction using computer generated technique attracted the juries' attention resulting in it receiving the best script award, best actor award, best graphic award as well as Sematic Innovation and Symbiosis Award.

The Angkiluang documentary which portrays the Murut warrior and has a unique story structure combining documentary and drama saw it receiving the Overall Best Documentary award.

Syaiful expressed his gratitude when both his works won the main prize.

"Previously, the film 'Slayer' won Best Visual Effect during the 11th Mini Film Festival organised by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas)," he said, adding that the victory proved that the film has its own uniqueness.

According to him, he faced a lot of challenges throughout his work on both films especially in terms of budget, necessitating him to think more creatively.

He also said support from friends helped him overcome the challenge in terms of lack of budget.

The film 'Slayer' which is a group project was produced at a cost of RM2,000 using graphic and computer generated elements produced by Syaiful.

The 'Angkiluang' documentary which was his year end project cost him RM4,000.

"I am very fortunate because I received lots of support from my friends and lecturers who improvised both my works," he added.