

UMS wins most number of gold awards

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) won the most number of gold awards at the Mini Convention on Team Excellence 2013 Sabah Region, with all four of its representatives at the event clinching one each.

Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB), which also sent four teams, bagged three gold awards and a silver, in addition to the Most Promising Circle Award.

The Mini Convention on Team Excellence Sabah was the last of a series of six events held this year, organized by Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC).

Previously known as Innovative and Creative Circle (ICC) Convention, the event served as a platform for workers, especially those from government and government-linked agencies, to showcase their innovative approach or programme in improving their daily working processes.

It also allowed the participating organizations to benchmark their achievement in comparison to other participants.

The event was also a prelude to the bigger Regional Convention to be held across the country



One of the four gold winning teams from UMS receiving their award at the Team Excellence Mini Convention 2013 Sabah.

starting this June and later the National Convention to be hosted by Pahang in October.

MPC Board of Directors member Datuk Awang Buhtaman Awang Mahmud, when officiating at the event's closing and prize presentation ceremony yesterday, said this year's participants were mostly newcomers but managed to display not only creative innovations but also the ones that could be adopted to significantly improve organizational performance and efficiency.

He noted the competing

teams had contributed to their organizations a combined savings of almost RM500,000 through their innovative cost saving inventions.

"This is a meaningful achievement as these innovative projects have helped to improve the bottom line of the participating organizations. This saving in the operational costs could be invested back into enhancing workers' competency to further improve the organization's competitiveness, as well as implement other programmes such corporate

social responsibility programmes," he said.

Fourteen teams from six organizations took part in the event, with all managing to get at least one gold award for their projects.

Gold winner Survey and Mapping Department of Malaysia was also given the "ICC Muda Terbaik" Award.

The other organizations were Petronas Chemical Methanol (two gold awards), Perbadanan Labuan (one gold) and Sabah Health Department (one gold and one silver).