

UMS-KAL's first Business and IT Festival

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 UNIVERSITI Malaysia Sabah, Labuan International Campus (UMS-KAL) held their Business and IT Festival 2013 for the first time at the Billion Pavilion Hotel Labuan on May 11 and 12.

Programme coordinator Iftekhar Amin Chowdhury said the purpose of the two-day event was to expose the people to the Business and IT environment surrounding the contemporary economic world.

The event was jointly organised by the UMS-KAL Student Representative Council and Student Welfare Council, Iftekhar said, and it was open to the students, officials and community of this island.

The theme of the event was 'Today's Creative Innovation, Mastering Tomorrow's Economy'.

"There were five main events in the festival, namely the Entrepreneurial Fair, Business

and IT, Quiz Competition 2013, Business Plan Competition, Case Analysis Competition and Business Forum (Talk Show).

"A total of 24 teams took part in the Business Plan Competition, 15 teams in the Case Analysis Competition and some 200 students participated in Business and IT, including in the quiz competition.

"The panelists in the Talk Show are from TMF Group, Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA) and UMS," he said, adding that the winners in the competitions were given prize money amounting to RM13,500.

Also present at the event was Billion Pavilion Hotel chairman Peter Kong, who officiated the closing ceremony of the festival.

Among the supporting partners of the festival were Labuan Office of Domestic Trade,

Cooperatives and Consumer Affairs, Labuan National Unity and Integration Office, Labuan Corporation, Labuan Fire and Rescue Department, Billion Pavilion Hotel, N.A Classics Sdn Bhd and HMD Holdings.

Meanwhile, programme director Pravina Selvasingam said that the festival should be an annual event for UMS-KAL as it was an academic-based programme that was very much suitable for nurturing the university students' creative minds.

Also present at the event were Billion Pavilion Hotel chairman Peter Kong, who officiated the closing ceremony of the festival, deputy dean of the Labuan School of Informatics Science, Dr Zamhar Iswandono and Labuan Corporation tourism and arts director Mahathir Abdul Hamid.



Peter (standing, sixth right) and Iftekhar (standing, fifth right) with the students.



Peter (fourth right) handing over the cash prize to the winning group in the Case Analysis Competition. Looking on is Dr Zamhar (fifth right).



The students giving a musical performance during the closing ceremony of the festival.