

UMS orators ranked 313 in world university championship

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently sent two debaters to take part in the World University Debate Championship (WUDC) in Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Chennai, India.

According to the UMS Student Affairs and Alumni officer Rohani Hadi, the debaters from the Business and International Finance School in UMS Labuan were sent there to gain experience and get exposure in prestigious

events to be shared with other university debaters.

"Out of 360 participating universities, our orators were placed 313. The result was unexpected because we managed to beat other universities featuring more experienced debaters compared to our young competitors," she said.

Meanwhile, one of the debaters, Tey Jun Qian said the competition posed by other university students spurred him

to do his best. However, the superiority of other debaters, he said, forced them to accept their ranking.

As for Johnson Wong Qian Sheng, the experience gave him valuable knowledge on various debating techniques as showcased by other debaters from more prominent and illustrious universities.

"We have learned a lot and we can share them with our friends. Personally, the experience gave me more confi-

dence to compete in any debate competitions in the future," he said.

The nine-day event saw UMS debaters advance to third round before losing to Glasgow University Union, United Kingdom and University of Melbourne, Australia.

The team managed to beat other universities before their defeat such as Moscow State University, Russia, Yogyakarta State University, Indonesia and Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan.