UMS debate team gains priceless

KOTA KINABALU: Two Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) debaters were sent to the World University Debate Championships (WUDC) held at the Rajalakshmi Engineering College in Chennai, India from December 27, 2013 to January 4 this year.

UMS Student Affairs & Alumni officer Rohani Hadi said the students from the School of Business & International Finance, Labuan International campus, Tey Jun Qian and Johnson Wong Qian Sheng, were sent to the prestigious event to gain exposure and share it with their second liners here.

"We managed a 313th placing out of 360 universities. It was beyond expectations as we're still a young team," she said when met by reporters vesterday.

Meanwhile, Jun Qian said: "I was not nervous during the competition and considered it as a motivation to give my best performance."

Whereas, Johnson said: "The experience of debating in a world class event was priceless as we learned all kinds of techniques used by the participants from renowned universities."

The nine-day championships saw the UMS team advance to the third round before being defeated by the Glasgow University Union, United Kingdom and University of Melbourne, Australia. – Bernama