

UMS emerge top Bahasa Young Royal debaters

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) team emerged champion in the Bahasa Malaysia Muda or Young Category at the 16th Royal Debate at the university's recital hall, Wednesday.

The team of debaters received trophy as well as cash prize worth RM4,000.

UMS' student, Mohd Faizal Abdullah was also named best debater in the same category receiving a cash prize of RM1,000 and trophy.

Second place was won by the Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM) team who received trophy and cash prize worth RM2,000.

The Bahasa Malaysia Debate Main Category was won by Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM) team which received cash prize of RM5,000 and trophy followed by Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) with RM3,000 and trophy. The best debater was UPNM's student Wan Azizul Wan Zulkifli who brought back a trophy and cash prize worth RM1,000.

Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) team also emerged champion in the English Debate Young Category bringing back a trophy and cash prize worth RM4,000 followed by UIAM which also won a trophy and cash prize worth RM2,000.

The best debater Jasmine Oh from UiTM earned a trophy and cash prize worth RM1,000. The English Debate Main Category, was won by UIAM. It received RM5,000 and a trophy followed by UiTM which won trophy and cash prize worth RM3,000.

The best debater was Syed Sadiq from UIAM who brought back a trophy as well as cash prize worth RM1,000.



The UMS team receiving their prize.

Meanwhile, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Vice Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah advised their students with good debating skills to use their acquired talent wisely.

"Students should not apply their skills in debating irrelevant issues as this would not only affect the community but also the prosperity and harmony of our country," he said, adding that students with high intellectual had great impact to the future success and development of Malaysia.

"Malaysians especially those from well-educated background are given the responsible to ensure our country is peaceful and harmony," he said, adding that this would eventually help to create a successful generations.

The competition, according to him was organised by the UMS' Students'

Affair Department and Malaysian Universities Debate Council (MADUM) was held to allow its participants to explore their talents besides being able to share their ideas.

According to Harun, this would help initiate the students' creativity, increase their credibility and public speaking skills.

He also said that the participants must also be aware of the current issues and facts in order to support their arguments.

The competition was held from May 9 to 14 involving more than 400 students from 22 public and private universities throughout Malaysia.

The competition, which was hosted by UMS for the second time, was also attended by the Head of State, Tun Haji Juhar Haji Mahiruddin along with his wife, Toh Puan Hajah Norlidah Datuk R.M. Jasni.