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## UMS gets gold, bronze in Teaching and Learning Innovation competition

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KOTA KINABALU: The Centre for Co-curriculum and Student Development (PKPP) of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently won one gold award and one bronze award in the Teaching and Learning Innovation Competition, in conjunction with the National University Co-curriculum Conference (NUCC) held at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

The gold award was obtained through an innovation titled "Implementation of the 21st Century Learning in Teaching and Learning Co-curriculum Course at PKPP UMS" led by PKPP's Deputy Director (Academic) Dr Jury Foo.

Meanwhile, the bronze award was obtained through an innovation titled "Holistic Potential Enhancement Programme (HOPE)" presented by PKPP Assistant Registrar, Mohd Alwi Osman.

Dr Jury, when contacted by the media recently, said the award was a recognition of the teaching and learning system implemented at PKPP UMS in forming and producing holistic students with leadership skills, and carrying out social responsibilities.

"PKPP UMS has been entrusted to expose students in the early stage of soft skills through a three-hour co-curriculum course for regular courses, while three to six credit hours for uniformed courses, before they continue to engage in unaccredited co-curriculum by clubs and associations under Department of Student Affairs, faculty and institute.

"The teaching and learning methods at PKPP are dynamic and flexible. Students are exposed to programmes and activities that are appropriate to the current situation," he said.

"At the moment, the PKPP is positive about exposing students to the 21st century learning ecosystem, in line with the latest lifestyles and student environments... The recommendations of various parties are also always taken into account, including from students, so that we can operate more effectively," he added.

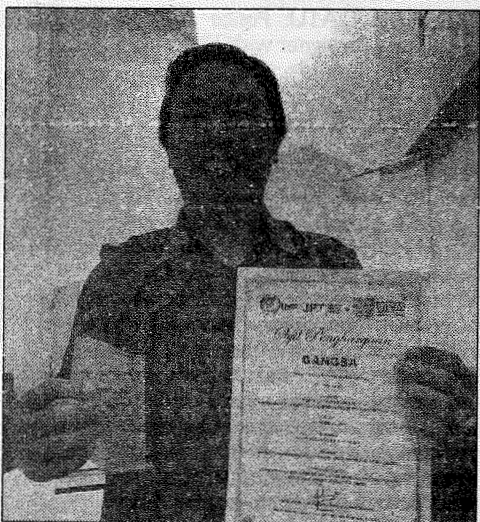
According to Dr Jury, PKPP also ensures to be updated with the development of the current co-curriculum learning system.

"One of the efforts includes conducting a benchmark visit, as done at Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) recently, as well as holding ongoing discussions with other universities' co-curriculum centres through the Co-curriculum Council of the Malaysian Public Universities (UniCC)," he added.

At the conference, three papers were tabled,



Dr. Jury, the gold award winner.



Alwi, the bronze award winner.

namely "Co-Curricular Activities ... Do They Help Student's Development? The UMS Experience" by the Director of PKPP, Dr Hasnol Noordin; and Service Learning (SL) in the Teaching and Learning System of PKPP UMS by Dr. Jury.

A total of 43 presenters and 30 participants of the Co-curriculum Teaching and Learning Innovation Competition from 20 Public Universities have taken part in the conference.