



Shahril with the recipients in a group photo.

UMS to continue intensifying research activities

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will continue to intensify its research activities albeit facing financial constraints, said its Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Shahril Yusof.

Shahril said the development in research activities has been very overwhelming with 30 research grants focussing on solving community and industrial problems.

"Hence, I hope the faculties will further strengthen its ties with industry players, especially to outsource research grant so that more researches can be conducted without relying too much on funds from the university," he said when officiating the UMS Researcher Award (Apums) and the Research and Design Competition (Pereka), here, Thursday.

He added that both events were held to appreciate the efforts of researchers and lecturers on their researches, as well as a platform to encourage them to continue impactful studies.

"I also hope that the faculties will continue their efforts to generate their own income to be channelled to lecturers with the faculty which manage to provide the highest grant will be awarded.

"This is one of the ways to help young

researchers."

Apums 2017 witnessed the Borneo Marine Research Institute was awarded for obtaining the highest My Research Assessment (MyRA) score for the institute category, while the award for the faculty category was given to the Science and Natural Resource Faculty.

Five top academicians who obtained a citation in the Scopus index journal, were also awarded with certificates and overseas conference vouchers totalling RM10,000.

They were Dr Clarence Ongkudon from the Biotechnology Research Institute, Prof Dr Charles Shatanaraju Variappan (Tropical Biology and Conservation Institute), Prof D Rosalam Sarbatly (Engineering Faculty), Assoc Prof Dr Md Shafiquzzaman Siddiquee (Biotechnology Research Institute), and Assoc Prof Dr Suzan Benedict (Sustainable Agriculture Faculty).

Five top prolific academicians were also awarded with certificates and overseas conference vouchers worth RM10,000.

They were Dr Lim Leong Seng from the Borneo Marine Research Institute, Dr Clarence Ongkudon (Biotechnology Research Institute), Dr Liew Thor Seng (Trop-

ical Biology and Conservation Institute), Assoc Prof Dr Md Shafiquzzaman Siddiquee (Biotechnology Research Institute), and Prof Dr Md Lutfor Rahman (Science and Natural Resource Faculty).

Excellent Researcher Awards were also given to Dr Chee Fui Pien (Science and Natural Resource Faculty), Assoc Prof Dr Lai Yew Meng (Promotion of Knowledge and Language Centre), Assoc Prof Dr D Maryama Ag Daud (Psychology and Education Faculty), Assoc Prof Dr Vijay Kumar Subbiah (Biotechnology Research Institute), and Assoc Prof Dr Coswald Stephen Sipaut @ Mohd Nasri (Engineering Faculty).

For Pereka, 12 researchers received the Researcher Gold Award. The competition received a total of 168 participations from nine research and innovation classifications.

Prizes and awards were presented by Shahril and UMS Bursar Zallifah Shadan.

Also present were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International) Prof Dr Rasid Mail, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Prof Dr Ismail Ali, and Research and Innovation Management Centre director Assoc Prof Dr Normah Awang Besar @ Raffie.