

Universiti Malaysia Sabah researchers receive award

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Researcher Award (APUMS) is the best platform to recognize the effort of academicians of the university who have carried out quality researches, publications, negotiations and commercialization at state, national and international levels.

UMS Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin said that academicians are one of the most important groups in the development of a university.

"Hence, I believe that a

recognition such as that is capable of injecting the will to raise the excellence of the university in research, publication, innovation and others," he said.

He added that the organizing of the event not only provided recognition to the expertise or excellence of the researchers, but also appreciates and encourages success among academicians who propel UMS through research, innovation, publication and commercialisation activities.

The event is organised by the Research Management Centre of

the university.

Taufiq said this during the launch of the Excellent Researcher Award ceremony and recognition held in conjunction with the UMS Researcher Award ceremony 2019 and 2020 which was broadcasted live on the UMS official Facebook page.

He also reminded that the challenges facing researchers are letting go of the feeling of contentment and over confidence.

"UMS' success and excellence is in the effectiveness of the

entire system, value, beliefs, climate, spirit and culture that are embraced and showed all the time by all university staff."

Meanwhile, the award ceremony held in conjunction with the APUMS 2019 and 2020 recognised researchers through 17 awards in various categories.

The main award category, the Excellent Researcher Award listed four winners for 2019. They are Dr Fong Siat Yee and Professor Madya Dr Colin Ruzellon Maycock in the science category, and Professor Madya

Dr Awangku Hassanal Bahar Pengiran Bagul and Dr Phang Ing under the social science category.

Meanwhile, the winners for the year 2020 are Professor Madya Dr Balu Alagar Ventmathi Maran and Professor Madya Dr Mohd Firdaus Mohd Hayati for the science category, and Dr Oliver Valentine Ebooy and Dr Jurry Foo for the social science category. The winners each received research grant worth RM5,000.

Under the Young Researcher Award category, five researchers were listed as winners in 2019

comprising of Dr Chin Kai Ling, Dr Wilson Wong Vun Chiong, and Dr Tamrin Amboala for the science category, and Dr Toh Pei Sung and Dr Juliana Anak Langgat for the social science category.

For the year 2020, four winners were listed and they are Dr Intan Soliha Ibrahim and Dr Saizal Pinjaman for the social science category, Dr Lim Leing Seng and Dr Fatimah Ahmady for the science category.

The winners received research grant worth RM2,000 each.