

UMS victorious at regional quiz

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KOTA KINABALU: The group of students from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty (FPSK) continue to shine in international competitions.

Fresh from winning runner-up in the recent North Borneo International Inter-varsity Open: The Alcohol Debate, the ABBA team emerged champions in the Novice category of the Asia Pacific Quiz Championship (AQC) 2020.

The team comprising second year medical students Nurul Firzanah Mohd Darwis, Kuhaneshvaren Elangovan, Sim Si Ming and Jivanarajahn Rajendra Kumar defeated Aakhir Q from Singapore, while another Malaysian team, The Goal Diggers grabbed the top spot.

"ABBA excelled in the competition by maintaining an unbeaten record, beating there teams from India and Malaysia in the

qualifying round, before winning over another Malaysian team in the semi-finals to secure a place in the final," said UMS in a statement, Sunday.

Commending their feat, FPSK Dean Prof Dr Mohammad Saffree Jeffree said this showed that UMS medical students have high level of knowledge and are able to turn it into good achievement in world-class quiz competitions.

AQC that started in 2012 is an annual competition and involves participants from Asia Pacific such as Singapore, the Philippines, India, Australia and New Zealand.

The competition was supposed to take place here which was chosen as the host this year, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was held online. This year, the competition was also divided into two categories – Pro and Novice.