MoA with ASM

A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed on 16 November 2013 between UTAR and the Actuarial Society of Malaysia (ASM) at Petaling Jaya campus. Signing the MoA were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and ASM President Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong.

President Wan Safiurrahim Wan Ismail, Secretary Lim Weng Soon, Communication Executive Jack Soh Wai Sun and Education Committee member Vas Ramanujam. Also present at the signing ceremony were lecturers, tutors, students and staff.

UTAR collaborates with IEA

UTAR signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Entrepreneurs Association (IEA), United Kingdom on 28 October 2013 at the Penang Chinese Town Hall. The signatories were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik and IEA Asia Pacific Regional Representative, Henry How.

"UTAR has always been a promoter of entrepreneurship among the UTAR community. We need to cross borders and boundaries to learn and to promote this entrepreneurial spirit for the university's progress," said Prof Chuah in his address. The collaboration includes the IEA recognition of 10 UTAR degree programmes and the formation of the IEA Youth Chapter for UTAR students. Witnessing the signing were UTAR Vice President (Internationalisation and Academic Development) Prof Dr Ewe Hong Tai, UTAR Faculty of Business and Finance Dean Prof Dr Choong Chee Keong, Malaysian Chapter Advisor and Patron Datuk Lam Wu Chong, IEA Youth Chapter Founding Member and IEA Malaysia Youth Chapter Advisor Iris Lee.

The IEA, England and Wales United Kingdom is one of the prominent UK based professional bodies and examining board offering internationally recognised qualification in entrepreneurship education and membership.

Participation in Spotlight Taiwan Project

UTAR participated in the Spotlight Taiwan Project (STP) as a strategic boost to internationalisation and to stimulate students’ awareness of diverse cultures. The STP is the 'Taiwan Ministry of Culture's initiative to promote Taiwan arts & culture worldwide and the collaboration has placed the university among its first participants in Malaysia. The collaboration culminated with the MoU signing with Taiwan Central Library (TCL) followed by the opening of the Taiwan Resource Centre for Chinese Studies (TRCCS) and a Taiwan Arts and Culture exhibition at UTAR Perak Campus library on 29 November 2013. In his address, UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chuah Hean Teik said that the TRCCS was a timely addition to UTAR’s ongoing efforts to collaboratively build a global resource and information platform to broaden cultural and academic exchanges. The TCL Director of International Cooperation, Dr Liao Show Man added that UTAR is the first point of the TRCCS in Malaysia and it would help to foster academic ties among international academics. TCL has donated 581 titles, 634 copies of books and electronic resources for the set-up of TRCCS. The other activities were the workshops and talks that were open to the students, staff and members of the public. These included, among others, at the Perak campus; the two-day Taiwan Culture Workshop on tea ceremony, folk dance & song and other aspects of Taiwanese culture and at the Petaling Jaya campus; a talk on Taiwan Hakka women. Marking the soft launch of the collaboration at the Fui Chiu Association, KL on 28 November 2013 was a presentation on Hakka society and culture. There were also other talks on Minnan language and Penang Hokkien on 30 November 2013.
UTAR co-organises ISMOT 2013

UTAR Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research co-organised the 14th International Symposium on Microwave and Optical Technology (ISMOT 2013) with Monash University, Australia/ Malaysia at a hotel in Petaling Jaya on 29 October 2013. The event was supported by University of Nevada, Reno, Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Malaysia, The Institution of Engineers Malaysia, The Institution of Engineering and Technology and University of Electronic Science and Technology of China with Kumpulan Abex Sdn Bhd as the sponsor.

The opening ceremony commenced with the welcome speeches from both the Symposium General Co-Chairs: UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr. Chuah Hean Teik and The Development Zone Science & Technology Bureau Section Head Liying Qin, and the welcome speeches from both the Presidents: UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr. Chuah Hean Teik and The Development Zone (TAR) Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research co-organised the 14th National Youth Symposium (NYS) on 26 October 2013 at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus. The symposium attracted participants from the same with all local universities which included reputable academic, researchers and professionals from around the globe including India, Japan, Spain, Italy, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, UK and USA.

MoU with The Development Zone

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with Shandong’s Weihai Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone (The Development Zone) China on 2 December 2013 at UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET) HEADQUARTERS. The signatories were UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr. Chuah Hean Teik and The Development Zone Science and Technology Bureau Director Dr. Zhivei Yang. UTAR Vice President (R&D & Commercialisation) Prof Ir Dr Lee See Wei and The Development Zone Science and Technology Bureau Section Head Lijing Qin were the witnesses for the respective parties. Prof Lee lauded on the technological advancement of The Development Zone as a very conducive environment for technology development and incubation. Dr. Yang expressed confidence that the collaboration with UTAR would be a fruitful partnership. The MoU established a basis to cooperate in the areas that included reciprocal engineering students to grab the benefits of membership fees collected from UTAR-IEM members to support the activities of IEM Centre on campus and encourage its participation. Appio Global Product Development Director Loh Chi Ming shared his experiences in digital business and The Swagger Salon founder, Loh Koh Yang on brand building and the Torch program which is to develop hi-tech industries in China.

FICI organises National Youth Symposium

Recognising the role of youth in shaping the nation’s progress, UTAR Faculty of Creative Industries (FICI) organised the three-session National Youth Symposium (NYS) on 26 October 2013 at UTAR Petaling Jaya Campus.

Present and former IEM presidents sign MoU

UTAR and the Institution of Engineer Malaysia (IEM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at IEM headquarters in Petaling Jaya on 11 October 2013. UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr. Chuah Hean Teik who was a former IEM president (2009-2011), signed the MoU with his counterpart IEM President Ir Choo Kok Beng.

“I hope the MoU will lead our UTAR Engineering students to have an early exposure to this professional body”, said Prof Chuah, adding how IEM shaped his engineering profession and urged the engineering students to grab the benefits offered by this pact. “Upon formalising our ties with UTAR, we are heading to do the same with all local universities which offer engineering courses, so as to guide the students to become great engineers of the future,” said Ir Choo.

Under the MoU, UTAR would set up an IEM Centre on campus and encourage its engineering students, graduates and relevant staff to register as IEM members while IEM would recommend experts to present lectures, courses and seminars to the UTAR faculty. IEM would contribute 30 percent of membership fees collected from UTAR-IEM members to support the activities of IEM Centre at UTAR. There would also be collaborative research & consultancy activities, joint organisation of seminars and academic meetings, and exchange of academic materials and technical information.
ntv7’s Yuan Carnival at UTAR

UTAR Perak Campus’s Dewan Tun Dr Ling Liason Sik was bustling with people on 2 and 3 November 2013. The Carnival was a hive of activities ranging from stage shows and activities galore at the UTAR booths to sponsor commercial booths at UTAR booths operated by its Division of Programme Promotion, Centre for Extension Education, Department of Soft Skills Competency, Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Department of Alumni Relations and Placement and Centre for Environment and Green Technology to showcase the University's programmes and successful projects.

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Dato' Azman Hashim shared his success story at a talk which was held at UTAR Perak Campus on 12 November 2013. The talk was part of the UTAR Entrepreneurial Talk Series organised by UTAR Department of Consultancy and Commercialisation.

"Find something you're passionate about and keep fueling that interest," said Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim while delivering his talk. "As an office boy, but it was good training. I did not regret a single minute of it." He elaborated on the importance of gaining experience first and starting from the bottom as there is much more to learn this way. He also stressed that in addition to technical knowledge, soft skills and time management would help in building a successful career.

The Chairman of Ambank Group of Companies, Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim is well known as a corporate figure. His professional experience began in Australia. Upon his return in 1966, he joined Bank Negara Malaysia until May 1964 when he left to start his own accountancy practice of Azman & Co which later grew into a partnership, Azman Wong Salleh & Co. He then joined the Board of Malayan Banking Berhad in 1966 and was its Executive Director from 1971 to 1980. He was then appointed Executive Chairman of Kwong Yik Bank Berhad in 1980 until 1982 when he became Chairman of the AmBank Group until today.

In his address, UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato' Dr Chua Hean Hean expressed gratitude to the PSC team, comprising Deputy Secretary Lim Mooi Eia, Boon Jon Lin, Special Functions Officers, Ir Lee Soon Jin and Thoong Lay Chooi, Special Committee member Philip Teoh and Special Recruitment Division Assistant Secretary Neo Su Bing for taking the time off to visit UTAR and also to share with students about civil service for the very first time. Prof Chua Hean Hean also advised the students to know more about the career options in the public sector.

Speaking to a packed audience which comprised UTAR students, staff and members of the public, Khoo said, "The first step is always the hardest. When you set sail on something unorthodox, you will inevitably spawn criticism. Trust your instincts, abilities and take calculated risks." In encouraging the audience to pursue one's true calling, Khoo shared the tenets that have helped him to achieve herculean tasks which included, among others climbing Mount Everest thrice, skied to the North and South Pole and successfully scaling K2, the world's most treacherous mountain.

He further elaborated on the need to discover one's unique strengths, to adapt a 'never give up attitude', to constantly challenging oneself and build camaraderie. Citing his wife's unflattering support and indomitable faith and spirit in overcoming challenges, Khoo remained magnanimous and forward looking with plans for future endeavours.

At the Q & A session, participants' questions included the ways to be self motivated and how to overcome adversities. The session included Lim's talk on 'Overview of the Public Service' which highlighted the benefits in the public service such as five-day work week, 25 days of annual leave, medical benefits and other perks, Teoh's sharing on careers in the public sector, and a mock interview session conducted by Boon, Ir Lee and Thoong. Neo presented on the PSC job website and its link to DARP's Career/Placement Services/Entrepreneurship/Employer Registration page.
As part of UTAR’s continuous efforts towards excellence in research and in support of a more green environment, the University collaborates with various partners and government authorities to foster research in several key areas. One such research is the development of an anti-microbial food packaging plastic film using odourless garlic. This project is funded by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) with the collaboration of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM). The project is led by Ir Dr Lee Tin Sin, Ir Assoc Prof Dr Tee Tiam Ting, Bee Soo Tueen and Sung Suet Yen from UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Science and in collaboration with their fellow co-researchers Assoc Prof Dr Abdul Razak Rahmat and Assoc Prof Dr Wan Aizan Wan Abdul Rahman from UTM Faculty of Chemical Engineering.

“This is a two-year project, starting from 2011 and aims to develop anti-microbial food packaging for safer prolonging of food shelf-life,” said Ir Dr Lee Tin Sin. He also added, “This research has successfully developed garlic oil anti-microbial packaging products to alleviate consumers’ concerns about food contamination as well as concerns about the safety of chemical additives in foods.” He elaborated that food-borne pathogenic micro-organism outbreaks occur quite frequently with no effective and immediate solutions. Yearly, there are 76 million food related illnesses in the United States, 1.3 million in England and 5-4 million in Australia and diarrheal diseases alone kill about 1.8 million children every year worldwide.

The public and consumers are increasing concerned about the safety of chemical food additives and prefer safer alternatives. Hence, the research team ventured into anti-microbial packaging as an alternative. Instead of incorporating chemical preservatives such as sorbic acid, benzoic acid, sodium nitrite and EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid) in foods, natural herbs offer similar effects since it is generally recognised as safe (GRAS).

In this project, the research team utilises odourless garlic oil as an anti-microbial additive and incorporates it into plastic packaging material. “The inspiration of this research was from the outstanding anti-microbial effect of garlic. It is not merely a food but also a natural medicine that has been used for thousands of years” said Ir Dr Lee. He explained that garlic is found to inhibit a wide range of microorganisms such as Salmonella, Staphylococcus, Klebsiella, Bacillus, Proteus, Clostridium, Escherichia, Micrococcus and Mycobacterium. Thus, the research team ventured to explore the possibility of using garlic as a natural substance which could be combined with plastic to produce novel food packaging products for prolonging the shelf life of food.

According to Ir Dr Lee, the six percent w/w garlic oil is effective in inhibiting Listeria monocytogenes, whereas eight percent is sufficient in inhibiting Escherichia coli and Bacillus thermosphacta. When the anti-microbial packaging films were tested on real food like cooked beef, it was found that this anti-microbial packaging film is effective in reducing the number of Listeria monocytogenes on beef throughout the whole storage period. More importantly, such an anti-microbial packaging film also possesses comparable physical and mechanical properties similar to that of the ordinary plastic packaging film in the market.

The present project is a new invention and the research team has patented the invention and manufacturing technologies. The team believes that anti-microbial packaging is the future trend of food packaging and they are putting in efforts to bring the research closer to benefit the end users. The forthcoming task of the team is to seek a potential industrial partner to commercialise this product for the benefit of the society at large.

Meanwhile, the team is improving the product further by adding different types of natural herbs so that a wider range of microorganisms can be inhibited. Further and on-going research includes the development of environmental friendlier packaging such as utilising this technology on biodegradable plastic packaging as well.

Ir Dr Lee (right) working with his students on the chemical analysis of the anti-microbial film

Inspecting the anti-microbial film

Production of the anti-microbial packaging film

Anti-microbial food packaging film using odourless garlic
Counselling Centre to aid community

Adopting the 2-in-1 formula, the UTAR Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FAS) English Language and Psychology Departments worked hand-in-hand to organise the Fun English and Parenting Workshop at Heritage Hall, Perak Campus on 28 September 2013. The arrangement was such that both parents and their children were simultaneously occupied in the respective parenting psychology workshop and the English enrichment programmes. The parents, students and their teachers were from the participating schools of SJK (C) Padang Gajah in Ipoh, SJK (C) Sin Min in Tronoh and SJK (C) Kampar Girls in Kampar. At the closing ceremony, FAS Dean Dr Cheah Phaik Kim presented certificates to participants and prizes to winners of the spelling bee and crossword puzzle competitions. She also received a reciprocal gift from SJK (C) Padang Gajah Parents-Teachers Association (PITB) Chairperson Yon San Der, who was accompanied by the school’s headmistress, Lim Fei Fei and representatives from the two other schools.

Driven by the desire to serve the public, UTAR Centre for Applied Psychology (CAP) initiated the establishment of the UTAR Community Counselling Centre (the Centre) at Perak Campus. The Centre is the first of its kind in Perak and was launched by UTAR Council Chairman Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik on 30 October 2013. Tun Dr Ling, in his opening address applauded CAP for setting up the Centre and said, “The counselling centre is a good idea and we can change the world by changing the environment we live in.” UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr Low Siew Kim commented that the Centre is part of UTAR’s service to the community and would provide convenience to those seeking good mental health.

Mooted by Low Siew Kim, the Centre has different counselling rooms and is manned by dedicated volunteers and students trained by professional counsellors. Dr Cheah gave an overview of the centre and the collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences on psychiatric counselling and treatment. Also present at the event were UTAR Planning and Development Committee Advisor Tan Sri Dato’ Hew See Tong, UTAR Council Member Hew Fen Yee and Kampar District Police Chief Supt Ng Keng Soon, accompanied by Dean of FAS Dr Cheah Phaik Kim, Chairperson of CAP Dr Lee Mah Ngee and FAS Department of Psychology and Counselling lecturer Low Siew Kim.

The UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Science (FES) team comprising a postgraduate student and lecturer Chua Kein Huat and three undergraduate students; Nicoline Saw Ying Ye, Chok Eu-Tjin and Alyve Hau Lee Chuen won the Young Intellectual category of the Outstanding Technopreneur Competition 2013 at the Fifth Technopreneurship and Innovation Symposium and Exhibition (TISE) held at TAR UC Kuala Lumpur campus from 6 to 7 October 2013.

Their winning entry, ‘Dr Energy’ is a multi-functional electrical power equipment that monitors and optimises energy usage and can be used to save energy consumption of both single and three-phase electrical systems of buildings. “We strongly believe that Dr Energy has market potential” said team leader Chua, adding that they are in the process of applying to patent the product. He thanked his team-mates and FES Assoc Prof Dr Lim Yun Seng and Dr Stella Morris for their co-operation and support.

The team comprising Assoc Prof Dr Lim Yun Seng, Dr Stella Morris and lecturer Chua Kein Huat, and four students; Alyve Hau, Nicoline Saw, Chok Eu-Tjin and Ng Soon Hee will be among the teams that represent Malaysia to compete in the International APICTA in Hong Kong. Chua thanked the faculty staff for the support and added that the achievement was due to the team’s efforts and experiences.

The winners received a three-month career guidance and job matchmaking service on internships in European companies in Malaysia, ASEAN and the European Union.

The competition, organised by Malaysian Scientific Association and Wencom Career Consultancy, aimed to identify and develop young Malaysian technopreneurs to set the impetus for national development via science and technology.
Synthomer Best Chemistry Graduate Award

UTAR Faculty of Science (FSc) Bachelor of Science (Honours) Chemistry graduate Low Yi Wai received the Best Chemistry Graduate Award from Synthomer Sdn Bhd at an award presentation ceremony held at the Perak Campus on 30 October 2013. Low received a plaque and RM3,000 cash award from Minhat Wahid, Head of Synthomer’s Human Resource Operations Asia, witnessed by UTAR Council Chairman, Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, UTAR President Ir Prof Academician Dato’ Dr Chuaah Hian Teik, Dean of FSc Assoc Professor Dr Lim Tuck Meng, staff and students. Minhat said that the sponsorship was part of the company’s corporate social responsibility programme to spur better academic achievements and expressed hope that more UTAR graduates would join the company. Much joy and pride to UTAR students and it brings much joy and pride to UTAR and in particular to our FSc, said Prof Chuaah. He added that the relationship with Synthomer has progressed to sponsorships of UTAR’s masters students on research development which augured with the shared values of research innovation. In congratulating Low, Minhat said that the sponsorship was part of the company’s corporate social responsibility programme to spur better academic achievements and expressed hope that more UTAR graduates would join the company.

Awarding winning invention at NICE 2013

The UTAR Faculty of Engineering and Science team comprising Ir Dr Low Kow Sai, Dr Tioh Ngee Heng, and Dr Ng Soon Ching exhibited their award winning ‘Lightweight Concrete Infill Buoyant System’ at the National Innovation Conference and Exhibition (NICE) 2013 which was held in conjunction with the World Innovation Forum at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) from 12 to 14 November 2013. The team was invited by the Malaysian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation to exhibit their patented and innovative invention to the public as they were selected as finalists in the National Innovation Award 2013. The team had earlier won the Malaysian Innovative Product Award 2013, UTAR Research Excellence Award 2012, and a Silver Medal in ITEX 2011. The amphibious buoyant system solves the common problem associated with construction over soft ground resulting in an uneven spread of pressure which eventually damages and tilts the building.

FAM lecturer receives Gold Medal Award

It was an unforgettable moment for Faculty of Accountancy and Management (FAM) lecturer Dr Falahat Nejadnamahdi Mohammad when he was announced the top Doctorate student during the 48th Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Convocation ceremony. He was then awarded the USM Gold Medal Award for Doctor of Business Administration during the Graduation School of Business Annual Dinner held at Cittel Penang on 28 September 2013. Dr Falahat, who is currently based in the FAM’s Department of International Business and also the Chairperson of the Centre for Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility in Business, received the prestigious award comprising a gold medal, trophy, certificate and a cheque from Motorcycle & Scooter Assemblers and Distributors Association of Malaysia President YBhg Dato Syed Mohamad Aidid. Dr Falahat thanked all academic staff and family members who have contributed to his success and said, “Unwavering focus on your goal, constant perseverance and motivation are imperative to accomplishing anything. Many life trials may come along the way and sacrifices need to be made in order to achieve your goal.”

Young Champion Strikes Again

Fesh from winning the P & G ASEAN Business Challenge (ABC) 2013, UTAR Electronic and Communications Engineering student Loh Hong Khai made it again by winning the prestigious Bayer Young Environmental Envoy Award which was organised by Bayer Co. (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. Loh’s HapOn Project, a carpooling initiative edged over 10 other contestants and their projects to clinch one of the two national awards on 23 September 2013. In addition to representing Malaysia for a week’s observation tour of the best environmental practices in Germany, he received a trophy, a certificate, an all-expense-paid study trip to Cologne. An elated Loh expressed gratitude to Prof Dr Goi Bok Min, Dr Chew Kuew Wai and the Faculty for the support and hoped that his achievement would enhance UTAR’s brand overseas and inspire more students to strive for the best.

Loh’s earlier proposal on surrounding environmental issues and the proposed solutions earned him a place as one of the Bayer Young Environmental Envoy at the Pahang Eco-camp. Loh who was in the USA for his exchange program was allowed to do his final presentation via video conferencing to the judges which included the prominent environmentalist and ex-journalist, Dato’ Karamjit Singh Walia.
UTARians excel in sports

1 Gold, silver and bronze in taekwondo

UTAR taekwondo athletes won four medals – two gold, one silver and one bronze at Kejohanan Taekwondo Masiswa & IPT Jemputan 2013 held at Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) Setapak Campus from 18 to 20 October 2013. Foundation student Vivian Lim June Lynn and English Language student Chua Siew Hua clinched the gold medals in the female sparring individual category. The female sparring individual event also yielded one silver and one bronze won by Chinese Studies student Tay Lik Shin and Biomedical Science student Tan Li Hui respectively.

2 Champion in Ping Pong

The UTAR table tennis team emerged as champion of the Kejohanan Ping Pong Berpasukan Piata Tahunan Dato’ Pek Kok Sam 2013 held at the Megamall in Kuantan Pahang from 23 to 24 November 2013. As champion, the UTAR team bagged five individual gold medals, one overall challenge trophy and a cash prize worth RM2,000. Organised for the first time by the Persatuan Hin Ann Kuantan in collaboration with Persatuan Ping Pong Amatur Kuantan, the championship attracted the participation of 14 teams in different age groups including veteran players who have previously competed in state and national level competitions.

Representing UTAR in this open championship were Foundation students Edward Ling Hung Hui, Soong Jun Fai and Christopher Chiu Lik Quan and Banking and Finance students Teng Wei Ni and Kim Shi Lun. Edward Ling, who is the team’s captain and also a state player of Sarawak, expressed that the team has fought hard with the determination to win at the final stage. “The tournament was exhilarating, enjoyable and a great learning experience,” he added.

The Kejohanan Ping Pong Berpasukan Piata Tahunan Dato’ Pek Kok Sam, is a state-level annual tournament. Also present was the organiser of the championship Dato’ Pek Kok Sam.

3 Silver in basketball

UTAR basketball team emerged as first runner-up in Sukan Jemputan KPM-UMP 2013 held from 18 to 20 October 2013 at Kompleks Sukan Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP). It was a close fight in the finals between UMP team & UTAR team with UMP emerging as the winner with a score of 53-56. As the runner-up, UTAR team bagged 12 individual silver medals, certificates and a cash prize worth RM750. A total of six teams that consisted of university students from all over the nation, namely UMP, Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Universiti Teknologi MARA, and Universiti Islam Antarabangsa participated in this championship. Organised by the UMP Sports Centre in collaboration with the Kementerian Pendidikan Pahang, the championship aims to promote and raise the standard of basketball game among Malaysians.

The UTAR basketball team also competed at the Penang Tanjong Cup Varsity Basketball League 2013 held at Komtar Dome Indoor Basketball Court in Georgetown Penang from 25 October to 10 November 2013. The team defeated the opposing team with a score of 74-65 and walked away with bronze medals, a cash prize of RM500 and a trophy. UTAR student Lado Jimmy Apollo Modi was awarded Best Scoring Player for his goal scoring feat.

Organised by Parliament of Tanjong Constituency and endorsed by Majlis Sukan Negeri Pulau Penang and North East Basketball Association Penang, the competition is to promote growth and development of basketball game among students. Ten teams consisted of all northern-region players participated in this championship.

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台湾文化光点计划

由“台湾文化光点计划”赞助，拉曼大学中文研究
中心与中华研究院合办的“台湾文化光点
特色计划”讲座，邀请到国立台湾大学华文
文学系教授张佳平莅临演讲。

讲座主题：《台湾文学光点计划
特色》

在演讲中，张教授详细介绍了“台湾文化光
点计划”的背景和目的。该计划旨在通过
一系列的活动和项目，展现台湾文化光
点的独特魅力，促进文化多样性的发展。张
教授特别提到，计划包括了一系列的
工作坊、研讨会和交流活动，旨在提升台
湾文学的国际影响力。

除了张教授的演讲，讲座还邀请了多位
专家学者进行分享。其中，国立台湾大学
文学系教授张佳平就“台湾文化光点计
划”的具体实施和成果进行了详细的介
绍。

讲座结束后，全场观众对张教授的演讲表
示了热烈的掌声。大家纷纷表示，通过此
次讲座，对台湾文化光点计划有了更深刻
的了解，也更加期待未来的活动和项目。

未来，台湾文化光点计划将继续开展活
动，继续推动台湾文化的发扬和传播。
Sedia menghadapi cabaran, fokus, bersemangat, berseri dan elegan adalah antara resepi kemenangan dua pelajar UTAR, Vejeya Sivasubramani dan Lim Siaw Ngee dalam Pertandingan Ratu Cantik Sari 2013 yang telah diadakan di Kinta Riverfront Hotel & Suites baru-baru ini.

Pelajar program pengajian pengiklanan Vejeya, dimahkotakan sebagai Ratu Cantik Sari 2013 manakala Lim pula menduduki tempat kelima.


Beliau turut menambah bahawa peserta tidak hanya dinilai dari segi keterampilan tetapi juga mengambil kira aspek interaksi antara satu sama lain serta keintelektualan mereka.

Lim yang berasal dari Sarawak pula berkata beliau sangat menggemari pakaian tradisi Malaysia, terutamanya pakaian tradisi kaum India iaitu Sari. Beliau berkata, “Saya selalu berhasrat untuk memakai pakaian tradisi India yang bewarna-warni dengan pelbagai corak bermotifkan tradisi India. “Ia merupakan suatu pengalaman manis yang tidak dapat dilupakan sepanjang hidup saya. Melalui pertandingan ini, tahap keyakinan diri saya semakin bertambah dan saya pasti akan menyertai pertandingan ratu sari yang lain pada masa hadapan,” tambah Lim, pelajar program pengajian ekonomi kewangan.

Pertandingan Ratu Cantik Sari Perak ini merupakan salah satu aktiviti tahunan yang diadakan secara besar-besaran untuk memperkenalkan nilai-nilai budaya dan tradisi kaum India dalam kalangan remaja pada masa kini.

Pelajars UTAR menyerlah dalam pertandingan ratu cantik sari

Pemenang-pemenang Ratu Cantik Sari 2013

**UTAR CAMPUSES**

**Petaling Jaya Campus**  
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**Kuala Lumpur Campus**  
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