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UUM ONLINE: The Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) Innovation Day and University Awards Ceremony 2022 or HIMPU which was held yesterday at the Mu'adzam Shah Hall, is in line with the government's effort to highlight innovation as a fundamental component for transforming the public sector.

Dr. Mohamad Sabri Sinal @ Zainal, Senior Lecturer from the School of Computing (SoC) was chosen as the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award after he managed to finish his PhD in time and thus was entitled to receive RM10,000 in cash.

“Having completed my doctorate studies in less than three years at the Shibaura Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan and bringing glory to the university by being named as the best overall student and winning the Best PhD Thesis Award during the graduation ceremony in Japan was something that I am truly thankful for.

“I may not be an excellent student before continuing my Diploma studies, but I hold dear to the principle that anything can be changed with hard work and it shows with my recent successes,” he shared.

He considered HIMPU to be one of the university’s best platforms for appreciating the work of staff in successfully carrying out the university’s agenda with a high degree of achievement, in addition to proving itself as a mechanism for reducing the perceived gap between academic staff and administration staff from all perspectives.

“This award sends a clear message that by itself indicates success and serves as a benchmark for maintaining our success based on achievement and performance,” stated Sabri who is also the Deputy Director of UUM Corporate Planning Unit.

He was also offered the opportunity to continue his studies for two years at post-doctorate level, performing research in data analytics and forecasting.

He stated that he faced various challenges throughout his studies and stated his desire for more staff members to grab opportunities with their full passion and effort instead of dismissing them.

"Think of all opportunities as merely one-time chances and do not waste them unnecessarily. Do more than what is asked of you and if you’re unwilling to sacrifice, do not talk about struggles,” he shared further.

For Muhammad Iskandar Zulkarnain Muhammad Suhaimi, a recipient of the Excellent Service Awards, he believed that throughout his 26 years as a serving staff member, a sense of belonging to the university and sincerity in performing duties help to foster a culture of excellence within staff members.

”Alhamdulillah, I am humbly grateful to Allah and appreciate UUM for this award. May UUM staff continue to provide the best service possible for sustaining our university’s excellence as the pride of our society,” said the Administration Officer at the Registrar Office.

During the event, the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Senator Data’ Dr. Ahmad Masrizal Muhammad awarded the Excellence Service Awards to 118 university staff members, which consist of eight Management & Professional staff, 71 support staff, and 39 academic staff members in addition to presenting the Award for Research and Publication, Teaching and Learning, Innovation and Quality (APIQ) for 2021.

In addition to the awards ceremony, the UUM Independence Month was also launched. Some of the attractions during the launching event included silat performances and a Jalur Gemilang flag-waving parade involving students from various races. Throughout the month until 16 September, a multitude of programmes will be held such as poem recitals, the Jalur Gemilang flag waving campaign, gotong-royong, UUMFit Merdeka, the Kedah Artistic Poetry Workshop and the 2022 Students’ Virtual Poetry Expression for Hari Malaysia.



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