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147 PARTICIPANTS TAKE PART IN THE TEACHING INNOVATION COMPETITION 2017



UUM ONLINE: A total of 147 participants from various schools, matriculation colleges and public institutions of higher learning nationwide took part in the Teaching Innovation Competition (PIP) 2017 organised by the University Teaching and Learning Centre (UTLC), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), at the Sultanah Bahiyah Library, recently.

The competition, which is organised annually by the UTLC, involves academicians from the various Schools at UUM and is aimed at promoting creativity and innovation amongst the lecturers in developing teaching and learning materials, as well as increasing the number of teaching aids in their respective fields.

The Director of the UTLC, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fauziah Abdul Rahim, said in her speech that innovation in education was a must in order to stay abreast of changing lifestyles and ever-evolving technology.

"The educational change of the present moment, which is moving in the direction of innovative education at all levels, needs to be actively fostered in steadfast efforts to produce new holistic talents for the future imperatives of the nation.

"Continuous and holistic development, characterised by lifelong education, is in keeping with the pre-set shifts in the Malaysian Education Blueprint for pre-school to post-secondary education (2013-2025), as well as the Malaysian Education Blueprint for higher education (2015-2025)," she said.

She added further that the teaching method was also an important tool in determining the achievement of each student and that it would require innovation and new approaches to ensure that the world of education was not left behind, or did not lag behind in the production of innovations in teaching.

"In this context, UUM implemented the Learning Management System (LMS) in 2002. In 2009, it introduced the LearningZone System based on an open source LMS called Moodle, and advanced further to the implementation of UUM Online Learning to provide added value to the existing system.

"This development has encouraged the university community to apply technology to the maximum in the teaching and learning experience," she said.

As concerns the outcome of the competition, in the Institution of Higher Learning category, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu emerged as champion and clinched the Premier Award through its innovative FishBreedPro: A Teaching Kit for Aquaculture Breeding Programme. The second place was won by Universiti Teknologi MARA Melaka through its innovative project called Digital Pedagogy, while the Ipoh Institute of Teacher Education came in third through its innovation called QR Opem TUKeP (Strengthening Learning Objectives).

UUM received the Competition Award (Gold) for its two innovative projects, namely, Interactive Algorithm Visualization on Mobile Platform and 5-Star: The Hotel Management Game.

Meanwhile, in the School category, the first place went to Sekolah Kebangsaan St. Bernard for its entry called "Projek Murid Lemah Operasi Asas Matematik". The second place went to Sekolah Kebangsaan Changkat Ibul for its entry called "SMART JAWI BDN: POTONG-POTONG AJE", and the third place went to the Kedah Matriculation College for its SMART i-CLASSROOM project.

A total of 17 judges, led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Jelani Shaari, were involved in the PIP 2017 judging process.

The prizes for the winners in the School category were presented by Mr. Abdul Aziz Selaiman, the Head of the Academic Management Sector, State Education Department, who represented the Director of Education, Kedah Education Department.

The prizes for the winners in the Institution of Higher Learning category, however, were presented by Prof. Dr. Huda Bt Haji Ibrahim, Assistant Vice-Chancellor of UUM CAS.



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