

IMT-GT Varsity Carnival Boosts Students Potential

Kangar, August 2 - IMT-GT Varsity Carnival hosted by Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya (RMUTs), Thailand ended yesterday and has succeeded in highlighting the potential of students in three main areas of academic, sports and cultural.

Deputy Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Alumni Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Prof. Dr. Mohd. Foad Sakdan expressed that the annual carnival, which lasts for seven days, became evident that the spirit of unity can be highlighted through various activities despite the differences in culture, religion and background among the participants.

He explained that IMT-GT Varsity Carnival has been hosted for more than 20 years (it was first introduced in 1995) and this year marked its 18th Carnival. This carnival has been a great platform for students from Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand to open up their mind and accept differences.

Prof Foad added that "through the differences, students need to use every chance and opportunity to be excellent and to find common ground, to share ideas and also to foster relationships among countries through the ongoing collaboration of the Carnival."

Besides UniMAP, the Carnival was also joined by Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) and four universities from Indonesia- Institut Teknologi Medan (ITM), Universiti Sumatera Utara (USU), Universiti Muhammadiyah Sumatera Utara (UMSU) and Universiti Medan (Unimed).

Representing Thailand are Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya (RMUTs), Prince Of Songkhla University (PSU), Thaksin University (TSU) and Wailalak University (WU). Among the academic activities throughout the program are seminars, paper presentation and group presentation.

According to Prof. Foad, one of the group with UniMAP student, Farrah Hanim Osman Jailani, 21, won the best group presentation.

Other than that, participant from UiTM, Hindun Sharmaine Zulkifli managed to be the winner of Best Economy Individual Paper Presentation with the theme of "Roles of Youth in

deciding the Future of ASEAN Community”. The individual paper presentation contested are in four categories which are: Education, Economy, Social and Environment.”

“Generally looking at the students involvement, I feel that they performed well and showed outstanding leadership skills and high teamwork spirit”, said Prof Foad.

Prof Foad added that, comparing to previous years contesting at the Carnival, UniMAP is at its best achievement in Sport as it managed to bring home 2 silver and 1 bronze medals through 6 sports events contested this year.

2 silver medals are from men basketball and beachball team, while bronze medal contributed by the tennis team. The winner for the Sport category went to Thaksin University with 3 gold medals.

In the Cultural category, UniMAP was represented by 17 students and managed to take home the award of Most Promising Cultural Award.

“For this cultural slot, students are exposed with cultural performances by countries, combination of cross cultural performances and also cultural performances by universities,” added Prof Foad.