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UniMAP SHOWS STUDENT APPRECIATION VIA SEVEN ICONS

KANGAR – In order to express appreciation for students' achievement, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) through the Students Affairs and Alumni Department (JHEPA) introduced seven icons consisting of outstanding students in various fields and who has been recognised nationally and internationally.

According to the Dean of Students Affairs and Alumni Department, Associate Professor Dr. Muzammil Jusoh, there are seven icon awards based on a number of fields, namely the Academic Icon, Entrepreneur Icon, Culture Icon, Sports Icon, Leadership Icon, Volunteer Icon, and Debate Icon.

“The inaugural icons were selected in July and the selections shall continue into the future as an appreciation for students' contributions to UniMAP.

“UniMAP is confident that by honouring these students, they will be motivated to become more competitive and excel in academics as well as outdoor activities,” he said.

He added that these student icons were selected based on their achievements in their various fields. The selection of these icons was coordinated by the Deputy Dean of Students Affairs and Alumni Department Dr. Mohd Zakim Zakaria and assisted by all the Deputy Deans of Students Affairs and Alumni from UniMAP schools.

“Taking the example of the July 2019 UniMAP Student Icon, Ram Kumar Thirumugam, who was selected because of his achievement in scoring the gold medal at the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award also known as *Anugerah Remaja Perdana Rakan Muda* (ARPRM) locally.

“He has been very active in volunteerism programmes and I was informed that the award takes into account several components, namely community service, skills, physical recreation, rugged outdoor activities and placement projects,” he added.

Ram Kumar, 23, who was delighted to be selected as the UniMAP Volunteer Icon July 2019 and thinks that the introduction of the UniMAP Icon is an honour for students who contributed into putting UniMAP's name on the map.

"This will also motivate students to engage more in such activities and strive for their best to elevate UniMAP's name," he said when contacted.

When asked about his hopes as the UniMAP Volunteer Icon, the third year Bachelor of Electronic Engineering student wishes that more students would engage in volunteerism work or any physical activities and skills that are unobtainable in classrooms.

"Student involvement in various activities, especially volunteerism, can be wonderful for developing the students' self-esteem, to be more mature, independent, dedicated and at the same time develop ourselves in the best possible ways," he said.

In addition to Ram Kumar six other students were also honoured as icons, namely Tiew San Pei (Academic Icon), Siti Najihah Muhammad Ridzuan (Entrepreneur Icon), Nur Nusrah Abdul Razak (Culture Icon), Abqari Ajwad Kamaruzzaman (Sports Icon), Natthavuth Senga (Leadership Icon) and Nurlaila Kartini Faisok (Debate Icon).

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Captions:

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