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**UniMAP WINS 100 PERCENT AWARDS AT ITEX 2017**

Kuala Lumpur, 16 May – The Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) researcher delegation continues to exemplify excellence upon their successful win of one hundred percent of the awards at the 27<sup>th</sup> International Innovation Exhibition 2017 (ITEX'17) which took place from 11 to 13 May 2017 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC).

According to UniMAP Vice Chancellor Dato' Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal the number of gold medals won this year – 10 gold awards from 15 participating awards or 67 percent – showed significant increase.

He said that the victory is certain to be meaningful after the average performances in two previous ITEX events which were 46 percent gold in 2016 and 30 percent gold in 2015.

“Kejayaan ini membuktikan, kualiti penyelidikan yang ditonjolkan oleh penyelidik UniMAP semakin menunjukkan peningkatan dan ia pastinya merupakan satu pencapaian yang membanggakan bagi kami di UniMAP,” katanya ketika dihubungi selepas pengumuman keputusan pingat ITEX'17.

“This victory proves that the quality of research exhibited by UniMAP researchers is showing great improvement which will bring great pride to UniMAP,” he said when contacted after the results of the ITEX'17 were announced.

Besides this the UniMAP delegation also won five silver medals and three Special Awards.

Two UniMAP products, namely the FCC Code OCDMA System for Internet of Things (IOT) Communication by Dr. Mohd Rashidi Che Beson and A Method of Controlling SN – Whiskers Formation For Aerospace Electronic Interconnect Application by Dr. Mohd Arif Anuar Mohd Salleh were selected

for the World Invention Intellectual Property Associations (WIIPA) special awards from Taiwan.

Meanwhile the UniMAP silver medal-winning product Novel Multiplex Diagnostic Kit For E.Coli, Salmonella And Listeria by Prof. Dr. Uda Hashim received the Special Award from Tisias and iCAN-Toronto Canada.

ITEX'17 showcased more than 1000 research products from university researchers, local and foreign research institutions, primary and secondary schools as well as the private sector from over 20 countries including Indonesia, Taiwan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Thailand, Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, Poland and Malaysia.

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