

UniMAP Research Invention & Exhibition Expo 2007

**9 January 2008, Sekolah
Menengah Kebangsaan Putra,
Kangar Perlis**



The third UniMAP Research Invention and Exhibition Expo was held as scheduled on 9 January 2008 at the hall of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Putra, Kangar. It was a collaborative effort between UniMAP and Perlis State Education Department. The opening ceremony was officiated by Kol. Prof. Dato' Dr. Kamarudin Hussin, UniMAP Vice Chancellor. The Expo received tremendous support not only from researchers from UniMAP but also from students who took part in the exhibition. A total of 31 research products from 15 schools were showcased during the Expo. This year's Expo saw a total of 85 research products from UniMAP researchers being contested as compared to the year before which was 46. This proved that there is an increase in research awareness among UniMAP academic staff.

The Research and Development Unit had invited Prof. Dr. Ku Halim Ku Hamid (UiTM) to give a talk at the Expo and his speech was on the enculturation of science and technology in society. The R&D Unit also invited Prof. Dr. Latif (USM), Associate Prof. Dr. Khudzir (UiTM) and Prof. Dr. Razak (UUM) to adjudicate the contest. UniMAP was also duly honoured by the presence of researchers from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) and delegates from the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO) who put on display their research products. The highlight of the Expo was a gala event that night where the winners were announced. The occasion was held at Putra Palace Hotel, Kangar and the organising committee was honoured by the presence of the Menteri Besar of Perlis who was kind enough to garland the winners. In the school category, 4 golds, 9 silvers and 12 bronzes were given out and in the UniMAP category, 14 golds, 28 silvers and 24 bronzes were presented to the winners. A competition such as this is quite effective and can have an overall impact in propelling researchers in UniMAP to become more competitive in generating high quality products in future. Apart from that, it can also promote research interest and unleash the creative drive and spirit of innovation among school children.

List of winners :

No.	Category	No. of Participants	Medal			Winning Entries (%)
			Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1.	Secondary Schools	31	4	9	12	81%
2.	UniMAP	85	14	28	24	78%