



INFORMS GAWAI RAYA: EMBRACING UNITY AMONG STUDENTS AND LECTURER

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Dean's Appreciation and Award Ceremony was a night that everyone in the School of Information Science UiTM Sarawak was looking forward to. Students filled up their thoughts with outfits to wear while lecturers were joyful to spend a fantastic time with their beloved students. Most importantly, everyone was excited to celebrate the hard work of all the students that have achieved outstanding results during their previous semester and the efforts of the INFORMS Society members who contributed throughout the semester. It is an event where all students and lecturers alike rejoice together. With the help of the INFORMS Society, the INFORMS Gawai Raya program was a success.

With great enthusiasm, the INFORMS Society President, Muhammad Amierul Haqem bin Mohd Faizan, explained that the theme "Gawai Raya" symbolizes the harmony between two major festivities in Malaysia: Hari Gawai, celebrated by the Dayak community in Sarawak, and Hari Raya Aidilfitri, celebrated by Muslims. This theme highlights the rich cultural diversity among the students and lecturers of the School of Information Science. The proximity of these two festive dates is one of the key reasons why INFORMS chose the Gawai Raya theme for this year's Dean's Appreciation and Award Ceremony.

ONE WEEK ONE STORY

The event was organized on a Friday night on the 14th of June, 2024. With the surveillance of the INFORMS Society's advisor, Dr. Hajah Imilia binti Ibrahim, the program ran smoothly with little to no complications. On the night of the event, students gather around with traditional outfits of striking colours, which represent the Hari Gawai and Hari Raya Aidilfitri festivities. The venue was located at Ruai Pengawa, an appropriately sized venue situated within the campus of University Technology Mara (UiTM), Campus Samarahan, and the night commenced with a short and charming speech by KPP Dr Susan Hydra Sikayu and president of the INFORMS Society, Muhammad Amierul Haqem bin Mohd Faizan.

Shortly after, the INFORMS Society commenced the award ceremony to recognize students who made the Dean's List in the previous semester. Lecturers from the faculty were invited on stage to present the awards to students who had demonstrated exceptional academic performance. Each recipient approached the stage with a smile, expressing gratitude to their lecturers for their dedication and support throughout the semester. To get the ball rolling, INFORMS Society has prepared several engaging and enjoyable activities for students to participate in together, fostering a sense of unity and belonging within the faculty. Additionally, all students and lecturers who took part in the program had the chance to enter a lucky draw. The evening was filled with merriment and light-hearted fun, leaving everyone with happy hearts and satisfied appetites. It was indeed a night to remember.

Dr. Hajah Imilia binti Ibrahim has offered invaluable insights that have significantly contributed to the planning of this event. The committee members are deeply grateful for her unwavering support and guidance throughout the many semesters she has served as the INFORMS Society advisor. The success of the event is evident in the smiles and laughter of both students and lecturers. This gathering effectively united everyone in the faculty and created memorable experiences to be cherished by future students.



Lecturers and students are enjoying a meal in celebration of the INFORMS Gawai Raya