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UiTM bags 3 golds at international choir festival

LONDON: The Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Chamber Choir swept three golds and a special award at a Prague International Choir festival held at the National House in Prague last week.

The women's choir won the overall champion and bagged a gold, while the mixed choir also took a gold. They also received a special Bohuslav Martinu Foundation Award for the repertoire *Vzkázání po holubince* (The Dove's Message) by composer B. Martinu.

The 30th Praga Cantat, the world's longest running choir festival, gave the newly formed UiTM Chamber Choir more feathers in its cap after they bagged the championship award at the Bali Choir Competition, the biggest Asian Choir Festival last year. The 28-member choir competed against choir groups from 26 countries, including from Italy and Finland.

Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Music, Dr Ahmad Rithaudin Md Noor, who was present said the chamber choir, which was formed two years

ago, had done UiTM and the country proud as they had succeeded in increasing UiTM's international ranking and had gained international recognition.

"I am very proud of them. It is encouraging to know that UiTM is setting standards. They are not just practicing what they learnt but they are also practicing their soft skills and management skills by interacting with the outside world."

Equally proud of the choir group is choir conductor Dr Masashi Kishimoto of Japan, who had been training them.

"We prepared them with more than 20 songs. The songs that won us the gold were based on folk tunes from Malaysia, such as *Rasa Sayang*, *Suriram* and *Getaran Jiwa*, and we also included songs from Japan and the Philippines."

The women's choir also sang songs from Asia and included one song from Spain.

"The audience were very appreciative and they enjoyed the performance," he said. **By Zaharah Othman**

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The Universiti Teknologi Mara's mixed choir at the 30th Praga Cantat in Prague last week.

- **Penasihat**

Profesor Emeritus Dato' Dr Hassan Said
Naib Canselor

- **Ketua Projek**

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- **Pengurus Produksi**

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- **Penyelaras Bahan Akhbar**

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- **Pembantu**

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- **Pereka Grafik Utama**

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- **Pereka Grafik**

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- **Sumber Keratan Akhbar**

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