

APB wins Best Department in the UiTM CPP Academic Awards

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The HEA Engagement Day and UiTM CPP (UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang) 2020 Academic Awards which was held on 15 July 2021 managed to bring about positive surprises for the Academy of Language Studies (ALS). This full-day event, which was broadcasted live on the main Facebook page of UiTM CPP - Media FB Rasmi, covered sessions such as the TNCPi Circular and Publication Briefing by Associate Professor ChM. Dr. Nor Aziyah Bakhari, Outcome-based Education Presentation by Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Zakaria Hussain, the virtual launching of Smart Student PO Monitoring System by UiTM CPP Rector, Professor Ts. Dr. Salmiah Kasolang and its explanation by Ts. Noor Azila Ismail, a webinar by the Rector and Deputy Rector (Academic and International) Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Ahmad Rashidy Razali titled "Towards Human Governance and Ethical Leadership", and ended with the University Academic Award which gave recognitions to the past year achievements of UiTM CPP faculties, departments and staff.

It came as a surprise when it was announced that the department has won the Best Department Award based on its achievements throughout the year 2020. When asked of the significant aspects that may have contributed to this achievement, the ALS Head of Department, Dr. Hajah Rofiza Aboo Bakar, in a recent interview, stated that the university recognized and acknowledged the major achievements made by the department such as the high percentage of passes among students taking language courses, international collaborations, grants, innovations, consultation projects, publications, the establishment of International Journal of Practices in Teaching and Learning (IJPTL) which is entrusted to the Head of Department as editor-in-chief, and a colorful variety of expertise held by the APB lecturers. According to her, the department truly withholds the philosophical concept of JERIS (*jasmani, emosi, rohani, intelek & sahsiah*) which encapsulates physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual and moral aspects of

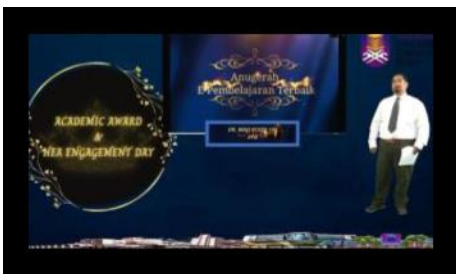


an organization. Dr Rofiza further highlighted that in order to achieve more success in the future, ALS lecturers need to support each other and instill the iDART qualities (knowledge, discipline, trust, hard work, and responsibility) in themselves to achieve ESI (excellence, synergy, integrity) in UiTM. However, she also stressed the importance of taking time off for rest and spending quality time with family, relatives and friends outside office hours to avoid burnout. She ended the interview with a message to ALS lecturers to embrace the concept of working as a family and in unity - be courteous and mindful of others and when entrusted in doing something, do it to the best ability.

Apart from conquering the best department award, some APB lecturers have also won individual awards due to their achievements. Dr. Hajah Rofiza Aboo Bakar and Madam Farina Nozakiah Tazijan won the first and fourth place in the Internationalization Award respectively while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mah Boon Yih was awarded first place for Best e-Learning Award. With his WECWI e-learning website innovation, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mah also made UiTM CPP proud by becoming the recipient of the Anugerah Pengajaran dan Pembelajaran



in the Social Science and Humanities category at the Anugerah Akademik Universiti (AAU) 2020 held on 27 August 2021 on the official UiTM YouTube Channel by UiTM Shah Alam. All three were pleasantly surprised by the announcements. During their respective interviews, they shared their motivations and challenges that led them to winning their respective categories. According to Dr. Rofiza, she sees international collaborations as an opportunity for both the department and university to be renowned globally and these continuous relations can give personal merits as well as merits to the department, campus and university. For Madam Farina, having support from the department, rector and university motivates her to push herself to another level. She also noted the importance of sharing knowledge and inspiring others as they are among the core responsibilities in



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