

UTM Debate Team won Intervarsity Nuclear Debate Challenge 2018

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Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) debating team has won the first place in Intervarsity Nuclear Debate Challenge 2018 and thus regain the Noramly Cup of past winners, namely Universiti Malaya (UM).

The debate challenge which was held on 16th to 18th November 2018 at Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying (FABU) was organized with a collaborative effort between Nuclear Engineering Student Society (NESS), Nusantara Technologies Sdn. Bhd, Malaysian Nuclear Society (MNS) and UTM English Debate Society.

Participation for 2018 consist of 32 students from six local public universities (UA). Six Malaysian universities that took part were Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Bukit Besi branch, UiTM Shah Alam and Pasir Gudang branch and Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UniTEN). The debate challenge was organized with the theme, "Would the World be Better-off without Nuclear Power?" and it was designed to encourage undergraduates to learn the basis of important knowledge sharing and critical thinking.

A cash prize worth RM 1300.00 was awarded to the champion, Muhammad Yusuf, Fariqy Farhan and Chia Yong Chai from UTM along with a Noramly Cup, coveted trophy and certificates while UniTEN emerged as a second place winner and took home RM 800.00. UiTM Shah Alam came in the third place. The Best Speakers category witnessed the participant from UniTEN, Shatiswarren Pachiappan crowned as the Best Speakers and received a cash prize of RM 200.00.

The prize giving ceremony was enlivened by the Johor State Assemblyman (ADUN) for the Mengkibol constituent, YB Chew Chong Sin, ADUN who attended the Gala Dinner as representative of YB Tan Hong Pin, Johor State Local Government, Science and Technology Committee Chairman. Also attending the Gala Dinner were Mr. Nazaruddin Rahmat Muji Dato' Mohamed Razali, Managing Director of Nusantara Technologies Sdn Bhd, the major sponsor of the event; Prof. Dr. Mohd Ghazali Mohd Nawawi, Chair of School of Chemical and Energy Engineering; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Khaidzir Hamzah, Head of Nuclear Engineering Programme; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Roshanida A. Rahman, Deputy Dean of Faculty of Engineering (Student Affairs) and Dr. Zulhairun Abdul Karim, Advisor of Nuclear Engineering Student Society.

Considering the positive feedbacks, the event is expected to gain more participants in the future and become a platform for knowledge transfer and correcting the misconceptions and stigmas on nuclear power.



From Left (Devintharaaj a/l Kumar, Mr. Nazaruddin Rahmat Muji Dato' Mohamed Razali, YB Chew Chong Sin, Chia Yong Chai, Muhammad Yusuf and Fariqy Farhan)



A group photo during the Debate Challenge 2018 dinner.