

Team UiTM bags 10 medals

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Five gold and five silver at Brussels inventions fair

SHAH ALAM: A team of nine researchers from Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) carved a name for Malaysia when they brought home five gold and five silver medals from the World Exhibition of Innovation, Research and New Technologies Brussels Innova & Eureka in Belgium last month.

The team submitted 10 inventions for the competition held between Nov 23 and 27.

More than 300 inventions were displayed, with participants coming from the United States, Taiwan, Romania, Belgium and Croatia.

UiTM Vice-Chancellor Datuk Seri Prof Ibrahim Abu Shah told a press conference yesterday that the success proved the capabilities of researchers from the university to compete at the international-level.

He said UiTM had also won two special awards, the Golden Brands of

Europe and Le Minister Federal dela Fonction Publique et de L'Integration Sociale from Belgium, for a product known as Non-Destructive Microwave Technique for Characterisation of Transdermal Patch invented by a team led by Dr Wong Tin Wui, from the Faculty of Pharmacy.

Last October, UiTM took home two gold medals at the British Invention Show (BIS) for its "banana peel diet flakes" produced by a team led by Shariff Che Ibrahim from the Faculty of Applied Science, and "Biocoal - The New Alternative Energy Resource From Biomass" which was invented by a team led by Associate Prof Khudzir Ismail.

Prof Ibrahim said the university had won 228 R&D awards at national and international levels since 2002.

This year alone UiTM has won 107 awards. — Bernama



GOOD JOB: Prof Ibrahim (right) and the team from UiTM proudly displaying the medals won at the inventions exhibition held recently in Belgium. — Bernamapic