

## Kedah students make mooting history

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**MOCK TRIAL:** Participants of the 5th Interpart Mooting Competition play the role of lawyers and judges, arguing and deliberating the finer points of law. — Picture by Fiona Anne Kab.

**SHAH ALAM:** Students from the Kedah campus became the first UiTM undergraduates based outside Shah Alam to participate in the Interpart Mooting Competition held here from Aug 28 to 29.

Despite having only a week to prepare, the Kedah students stood out for their courage and enthusiasm, winning the Spirit of Interpart Award and gaining a spot in competition history.

Organised by the UiTM Moot Club, this year's 5th Interpart Mooting Competition was the largest ever, with the participation of 12 teams consisting of Asasi

(Foundation) to semester six (final year) degree students.

Taking the top honours was the team comprising Ahmad Zulfikri Ibrahim, Nur Amalina Ghazali, Muhd Nasrul Wajdee Mohd Nasir, Nurul Natrah Mohd Saidi and Muhammad Adib Mohd Khushairi. The team lifted the Dean's Cup as the advocates for fictional respondent Toopie Aduslalu.

Second place went to the team of Nur Atiqah Razif and Atiqah Anas. Nur Atiqah also picked up the Special Mention Award for being a promising young mooter.

In the case of other individual honours, semester three student Ahmad Zulfikri was crowned the Best Mooter for the final round while part- six student Darren M. Punai was judged the Best Mooter for the preliminary rounds.

Ahmad Zulfikri said he entered the competition because he admired mooters and was inspired by their art.

Another factor that led him to try it out was Benjamin Franklin's quote: "Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

Mooting is a simulated courtroom exercise where one side makes an allegation and the other side defends it. Both parties lay out their cases before a judge or a panel of judges using only legal principles to decide on issues of law and not of fact," explained Faez Razak, a former Jessup mooter who sat as a judge during the proceedings.

He said: "Interpart helps to identify and nurture hidden talent by exposing students to practices of lawyers as well as instilling a sense of confidence.

They will gain experience to face their future."

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