

# Team Unimas wins English Debate Challenge Trophy

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**KUCHING:** The team from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) was declared winner of this year's Yayasan Sarawak World Style English Debate Challenge Trophy.

The team comprised of Gary George and Goh Weiyang. Goh also bagged the 'Best Debater' challenge trophy.

Swinburne University of Technology came in second, while Inti College Sarawak and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia - Institut Perguruan Batu Lintang (UKM-IPBL) were placed third and fourth respectively.

In the public speaking competition, Agemo Olajide from Inti College Sarawak emerged the champion, followed by Joven Junip from University Teknologi Mara Samarahan (UiTM) and Justin Sim from Swinburne in third. This is the fourth time that Yayasan Sarawak held the event, which it jointly organised with Institut Perguruan Batu Lintang.

Meanwhile, Yayasan Sarawak chairman Dato Sri Adenan Satem hinted that the foundation was keen to sponsor the competition winners to take part in international events.

"The standard of the participants over the years has continued to improve, and if the standard is high enough, Yayasan Sarawak is keen to sponsor the winning team to international events," he said in his opening remarks during the grand finals and closing ceremony of the event held at Institut Perguruan Batu Lintang here, yesterday.

He added that Yayasan Sarawak was happy to be involved in such an event for the past four years, and gave his "guarantee" that the foundation would continue to be its sponsor in the years to come.

"To create understanding among one another, we have to make people understand our point of view, and that is why it is important to develop debating and public speaking skills. That is also why Yayasan Sarawak is happy to sponsor the World Style English Debate Challenge Trophy to create better understanding among people."

Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Department Datin Fatimah Abdullah, who represented Chief Minister Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud at the event, presented the prizes.

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