

# UNIMAS WON FOUR AWARDS AT 67TH NUREMBERG INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR IN GERMANY

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KUCHING (Sarawak, Malaysia), Nov 9 (Bernama) -- It was a successful outing for Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) at the 67th International Trade Fair for "Ideas-Inventions-New Products" (iENA) in Nuremberg, Germany from Oct 29 to Nov 1.

Its vice-chancellor Prof Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi said UNIMAS won a gold, a silver and two bronze awards for its efforts.

Speaking to the media here Monday, he said more than 36 countries participated in the fair with 700 products introduced.

"The gold award came from our Engineering Faculty lecturer, Prof Dr M. Shahidul Islam.

"He submitted his product, 'Novel Research on Desalination Process Plant Capacity Optimisation: In the Aspect of Commercialisation, Energy and Environment Sustainability,'" Mohamed Kadim said.

He said back home, Shahidul's entry had been used to provide treated and clean water from the river for the villagers of Kampung Sadong Jaya, here.

The silver award was won by Ir Dr David B.L. Bong, also from the Engineering Faculty, through his product, 'Bit-Plane Extraction Approach for Biometric Identification'.

"Then Dr Saiful Bahari Mohd Yusuf from the Faculty of Applied and Creative Science contributed the first bronze award through his 'Flooring Panel Products from Compacted Palm Oil Fibre,'" said the VC.

"The other bronze came from Prof Dr Alvin W.Yeo for his product, 'Digitalising and Preserving Oroo: A Secret Signage Language of the Nomadic Penans in the Rainforest'."

Meanwhile, deputy vice-chancellor Prof Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman urged all former UNIMAS students to register themselves with its alumni association, to help strengthen it in assisting their alma mater.

"We certainly appreciate voluntary monetary contributions from the 28,178 graduates that we have produced since 1997, as we have also provided a lot of welfare assistance to many of them," he said.

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