



**HIGH ACHIEVERS:** (Seated from left) Zecon corporate affairs senior manager Brandon Goh, executive director Jamil Jamarudin, Dr Azhaili and Azahari with the award recipients.

## Do research on environ protection, Unimas lecturers and students told

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**KUCHING:** Engineering lecturers and students at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) have been thrown the challenge to produce research papers on environmental protection in construction projects in line with escalating concerns about global warming.

Zecon Berhad's (formerly Zecon Engineering Berhad) executive director Abang Azahari Osman yesterday announced that the company would be giving out unlimited funding to both academicians and students who worked towards this end.

"It's part of our green project under our corporate social responsibility programme. We are not limiting the numbers of applicants or group of researchers as long as there is quality output from the research and development," he told reporters after presenting Zecon excellence awards to graduating

engineering students at Unimas in Kota Samarahan.

Azahari hoped that the funding would encourage them to find the best engineering practices according to speculations laid out by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Environment Board.

Earlier, he reminded fresh graduates to hold steadfast to the engineering code of ethics throughout their career and be dedicated in serving the community.

"The people depend on us to build safe bridges, roads and buildings or there'll be loss of life," he said, adding that hardwork coupled with honesty and commitment would eventually win them the recognition and respect they deserved.

He also advised them to improve their public speaking as good communication skill was pivotal

during presentations.

Meanwhile, Dr Azhaili Baharun, Unimas' Dean of the Faculty of Engineering thanked Zecon for being a committed corporate partner in producing quality graduates.

Since the excellence awards were introduced in 2002, 48 graduates including eight yesterday had received the awards, he said.

This year, the awards went to Chua Kiok Peng and Mohd Rapiz Barahim from the Civil Engineering Programme, Norirda Mohamed and Mohd Zuhairi Sulaiman from Mechanical Engineering and Manufacturing, Mohamad Shuhaimi Sidek and Ho Yoong Siang from Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering, and Lim Kok Houi and Chan Siang Fung from Electronics and Computer Engineering. Each received a book, commemorative plaque and certificate of excellence.