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KUCHING: Sarawak Convention Bureau (SCB) has announced the recipients of the International Convention Scholarship Awards at the bureau's office yesterday.

The announcement was made by SCB managing director Mike Cannon at a press conference.

Now in its fifth year, six scholarship awards, each valued at RM10,000 covering travel, accommodation, association membership and convention registration fees, were presented to recipients to enable them to attend the international convention of their choice.

"I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the award winners. These talented Sarawakians have taken a positive step to build international professional networks - networks that will help to win more international conference bids for Sarawak in the future," Cannon said.

He added the aim of the award was to encourage potential new bidders to actively participate in international conventions and, in turn, showcase the benefits and opportunities that come from networking at these



CONGRATULATIONS: Cannon (left) and Redas (right) with the award recipients.

conventions.

"It is imperative that Sarawak develops its own association base with active local members," he noted.

Winners were selected by a judging panel consisting of representatives of SCB who shortlisted the finalists based on written applications and interviews.

The six award winners for 2013 are as follows: Associate Prof Dr Voon Boo Ho, from University Teknologi Mara Sarawak who will be going to the 2013 International Conference on Materials, Architecture and Engineering in Beijing, China.

Dr Hamrila Abdul Latip from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

(Unimas), who will be attending the International Conference on Economic and Social Sustainability 2013 in Tokyo, Japan.

Ngui Kwang Sing from Swinburne University of Technology (Sarawak Campus), who will be flying to join the Fifth Asian Conference on Education, ACE 2013 in Osaka, Japan.

Chua Lee Chuan from Teachers Training College Institut (IPG) Kampus Batu Lintang, who is going to International Consortium for Educational Development (ICED) in Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr Caesar Dealwis from Universiti Teknologi Mara

(UiTM) Sarawak, who is going to the FEL XVIII 2014 Foundation of Endangered Languages Conferences in Ottawa, Canada.

Apart from the five higher education researcher winners, a student from Swinburne University of Technology (Sarawak Campus), Brian Loh, also won himself a trip to go to the ninth International Conference on Information, Communication and Signal Processing in Tainan, Taiwan.

SCB research director Dylan Redas Noel also said that winners were selected based on the quality of their submissions and feasibility of the conference rotation and its

scope of programme.

"Furthermore, our winners displayed a strong sense of passion and dedication in their field of work, and this award will serve to encourage them to bid for conventions to Sarawak," he added.

The scholarship recipients will receive a trophy and celebrate their win at the upcoming Anak Sarawak Appreciation Award, organised by SCB on the Nov 30. An initiative of SCB, the International Convention Scholarship Award is open to all residents of Sarawak who are over 18 years old.

Applicants could be from educational institutions, private companies or government departments. They could also be students of tertiary institutions who have support from their university or college.

They must also be existing members of non-profit or government associations. The selected convention must rotate among different destinations including Malaysia.

For more information, visit <http://sarawakcb.com/special-programmes/international-association-convention-scholarship-award/>.