

# Two Unimas students receive special awards from STA

**KOTA SAMARAHAN:** The hard work of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) students Ho Soo Ying and Mugunthan Perumal has paid off when they won special awards from Sarawak Timber Association (STA).

Ho from Malacca received the Best Graduating Student Award for Plant Science and Resource Management, Faculty of Resource Science

Technology. She is the recipient of the Dean's Award five times and is also active in co-curricular activities.

Mugunthan, a Sarawakian, was awarded the Best Final Year Project (Related to Forestry or Timber Industry) entitled "Growth performance and survival rate of planted *Shorea macrophylla* at various ages stands in Sampadi Forest Reserve".

Since the co-operation with STA started in 2005, eight students had been named best graduating students and nine received best final-year project awards.

STA has also given seven scholarships and another five from Daiken Sdn Bhd through STA to Sarawakian students pursuing the Plant Resource Science and Management pro-

gramme, based on their academic performance and parent's financial ability.

The STA awards and scholarships awarded to the students are welcome by Unimas to strengthen and enhance the industries linkages and co-operation in realising the country's aspirations in building knowledgeable human capital.