



SENIOR Officer of Unimas Arts and Culture Unit, Noor Azrul Mohammad (left), and Deputy Dean of University Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Suhizaz Sudin (centre), presented a mock cheque for RM6,000 to the winner of MAKUM 1Malaysia Culture and Heritage-Blue Ocean Strategy video documentary from UPSI. PHOTOS: MARVIN KUDANG

MAKUM presents 136 art awards

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KUCHING: The presentation of Art Awards and the Secretariats of Malaysian Universities Cultural Council (MAKUM) was held at Petra Hall of Pullman Hotel here, recently.

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), through its Cultural and Art Unit, was appointed the organiser of the prestigious event which was also attended by the Secretary-General of Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) Datuk Ab Rahim Md Noor.

The event saw the presentation of 136 art awards as well as prizes for MAKUM 1Malaysia Culture and Heritage-Blue Ocean Strategy video documentary competition which was won by Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) with 'Roti Warisan', while Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) came second with 'Tanah Pusaka' and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), third with 'A Night Life

Symphony Bukit Bintang.'

Another highlight of the event was the launching of MAKUM's first ever publication of four coffee table books, namely, *Buku Festival Kesenian dan Kebudayaan MAKUM (FestKUM) 2011*, *Buku Festival Kesenian dan Kebudayaan MAKUM (FestKUM) 2012*, *Buku Eksplorasi Fotografi MAKUM* and *Buku MAKUM 2011/2012*.

These books are the compilation of activities conducted by MAKUM from 2011 to 2012 and will be distributed to all public institutions of higher learning (IPTAs), MOHE and the National Library.

"I really hope that with the publication of these books, they will be a guidance and reference for MAKUM as well as for the Secretariat Council of the Deputy Dean in organising any activity or programme in the near future," said Prof Mohd Fadzil Abd Rahman, MAKUM 2011/2012 Chairman.

Prof Mohd Fadzil who is also Deputy Vice Chancellor (Students Affairs & Alumni) of Unimas, handed over the MAKUM Secretariat to Dr Abdul Hakim Abdullah, Dean of Student Affairs and Alumni Division of Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA), Terengganu.

Prof Mohd Fadzil said the spirit of comradeship among secretariats was very important for the success of any association as evidenced in the achievements of MAKUM for the last two years.

The MAKUM Art Awards presentation was organised to appreciate the involvement and contributions of government agencies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), IPTAs, officers and students in cultural and art activities at university, national or international level.

The art awards presentation ceremony was attended by 240 students from university members of MAKUM.