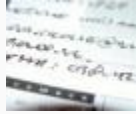


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### **Sarawak dishes out scholarships to encourage convention bidding**

SARAWAK Convention Bureau (SCB) recently awarded five scholarships, each valued at RM10,000 (US\$3,281), that enable recipients to attend an international convention of their choice.

The International Association Convention Scholarship Award covers travel, accommodation, association membership and convention registration fees, and has to be utilised by December 2013.

Mike Cannon, managing director of SCB, said: "Our aim is to encourage potential new bidders to actively participate in attending international conventions and in turn, showcase the benefits and opportunities that come from networking at these conventions.

"I am proud to see Sarawakians taking a positive step to expand their horizons and build international professional networks to prepare them to bid for international conferences in the future."

The scholarship recipients are Ong Puay Hoon, president of Dyslexia Association of Sarawak; Ting Choo Yee, associate professor, Multimedia University, Cyberjaya; Kang Chia Yang, lecturer at Politeknik Mukah Sarawak; Joseph Ramanair, senior lecturer, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak; and Khong Heng Yen, senior lecturer, Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak.

Dylan Redas Noel, research director of the MICE bureau, said: "The (scholarship recipients) were selected based on their submissions and feasibility of the conference rotation and its scope of programme. These winners are very passionate and dedicated to their work, and the (scholarship) will further encourage them to consider bidding for conventions to be held in Sarawak."

The International Association Convention Scholarship Award is into its fourth year. Chew Chang Guan, SCB general manager, noted that since the inception of the scholarship in 2009, the programme has met its objective of creating ambassadors for Sarawak and encouraging Malaysians to bid for international associations.

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