Sarawak wins Malaysian Brain Bee Competition

KOTA SAMARAHAN: Malaysian Brain Bee Challenge (MBBC) Grand Final 2016 took place from 4-5 May, 2016 at the School of Medical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Health Campus at Kubang Kerian, Kelantan.

The Grand Final featured the top 27 contestants from 19 secondary schools from across Malaysia including Sabah and Sarawak, who had successfully outsmarted over 1000 students nationwide at two challenging Zone Screening and Zone Final rounds.

The principal aim of the MBBC competition was to raise awareness among the younger generation in secondary schools in Malaysia about the exciting field of neurosciences.

MBBC is an educational initiative as part of the Brain Bee@USM Flagship Project, made possible by a supportive grant from the Division of Industry & Community Network (BIJM), USM.

Three Methodist students from Silat, Sarawak, namely, Benjamin Wong Yi Ren, Crystal Ling Xin Bin and Jessie Tieng Li Ting represented Sarawak in the Malaysian Brain Bee Challenge from 4-5 May, 2016.

Benjamin Wong Yi Ren, 18, outsmarted 1000 students from 27 zones in Malaysia to win the championship and to represent Malaysia in the International Brain Bee Competition scheduled to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark from 30 June to 4 July, 2016.

This competition was organised by University Community Transformation Centre (UCTC) UNIMAS with USM, Kubang Kerian (brainbee@USM BIJM Flagship project), APEX and several other universities in Malaysia.

This project was led by Assoc. Prof Dr. Muzaimi Mustapha from the Department of Neurosciences in HUSM, Kelantan and coordinated by Assoc. Prof Dr. Norsiah Fauzan in UNIMAS, Sarawak for Zone II.

Benjamin was coached by his teacher and father, Wong Hee King who will accompany him to Copenhagen, Denmark.