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3MT Competition attracts PhD students to showcase their research

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The Institute of Postgraduate Studies (IPS) at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) recently conducted its annual Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition at the Tun Fatimah Hall of the university's Gambang Campus on April 30, 2019.

Currently in its sixth-year running, since it was first hosted in 2014, the 2019 version saw three categories being contested – namely, Engineering, Science & Technology and Social Science.

This year also witnessed new contest runs and prizes being introduced – with the three categories held concurrently for the qualifying round, and the best two from each category selected to compete in the final.

In the qualifying round, each category winner will receive RM200 cash and a certificate, while their runners-up will take home RM100 cash and a certificate each.

Meanwhile, in the final round, top seed will bag RM500 cash, while second and third placings will get RM300 and RM200 cash, respectively.

All three will take home a plaque and a certificate each.

Judges for the qualifying round comprised deputy deans from the eight faculties at UMP, including Centre for Modern Languages & Human Sciences (CMLHS).

Meanwhile, for the final round, four honorable judges were selected from different fields of study, including one industry expert.

They were IPS Dean, Professor Dato' Dr. Hasnah Harun; IPS Deputy Dean, Professor Datin Dr. Mimi Sakinah Abdul Munaim; CMLHS Lecturer, Dr. Chiam Kee Swan; and an industry expert with over two decades of experience, Mohd Ghazali Maarof.

Dr. Chiam also doubles as UMP coach for the national level competition, while Mohd Ghazali is also a lecturer and Acting Chief of Technical at the Faculty of Industrial Management (FIM).

The overall winners at UMP's 3MT Competition 2019 will be assessed and coached to represent the university at the national level competition, scheduled to be held at Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) on June 25, 2019.

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