Convocation

Leong Ying Foo pursues PhD due to deep passion for research

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GAMBANG, 25 October 2024 – A deep passion for research has driven Leong Ying Foo, 26, a researcher at Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA), to delve into the field during his studies at this university.

Leong Ying Foo is a gold medal recipient after achieving a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.79, which qualified him to receive a First-Class Honours Degree at the 19th UMPSA Convocation Ceremony.

He received the award presented by UMPSA Pro-Chancellor, His Royal Highness Tengku Mahkota Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah ibni Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, during Session 1 of the ceremony held at the UMPSA Sports Complex Hall, Gambang Campus.

Leong, who is now pursuing his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree at UMPSA, said that his interest in research grew when he participated in an invention and innovation competition, CITREX, this year with the project titled 'Bokashi Compost Monitoring Bin', which earned him a gold medal.

He stated that he also participated in the same competition at the state level and won another gold medal.

"This success motivated me to engage in research and make it a career after completing my studies.

"This year, I, along with several other researchers, was also involved in publishing three research papers to be presented at international conferences in Malaysia and Japan.

"This achievement would not have been possible without the help of my beloved parents, Leong Sun Meng, 62, and Lui Yoon Kheng, 59, as well as my lecturers and colleagues," he said.

He further expressed his gratitude for the sacrifices of his parents, who have always provided unwavering encouragement and support for his passion.

"To my lecturers and friends, thank you for continuously offering guidance and advice in everything I do.

"I hope this achievement will inspire me to complete my PhD on time.

"My current dream is to produce more impactful research for the country," he said, concluding the conversation.

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