Convocation

Hong Wai Siang – Recipient of Sapura Industrial Berhad Prize

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His father was a labourer and the hardship that he faced had been the impetus to spur Hong Wai Siang, 24, to do well in his studies and to his surprise, all the struggles and burning the midnight oil was rewarded when he was named the recipient of Sapura Industrial Berhad Excellence Award.

He received his scroll and the award during Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held at UMP Gambang Campus on November 10 and 11, 2018.

Hong, who is from Lumut, is a graduate of B.Eng. (Hons) Mechanical Engineering (Automotive). He is as one of the 2,773 graduated from UMP.

He said having experienced the hardship of a labourer's son moved him to work hard to excel in his studies.

His father, Hong Bong Leong, 54, worked as a labourer to support his four siblings while his mother, Ting Mee Ing, 48, is a housewife.

"Despite the hardship, my parents never showed their sufferings and never gave up on their efforts to educate us to be good, not only in our studies but also in our manners.

"They worked so hard so they can provide to their children's needs," said Hong, who wanted to be an engineer and aimed to provide the best for his family.

He also said as a graduate, one needed to be smart in tackling the globalisation trend that was becoming more challenging.

He added that one must be more communicative, critical-minded and should be effective in problem-solving as well as be independent and equally important, a plan for the future.

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