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Ismail Ahmedy and his team from Universiti Malaya clinching the 1st Prize in the Network Track at the Huawei National ICT Competition 2024–2025

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Universiti Malaya Triumphs with Grand Prize in Cloud Track and First Prize in Network Track at Huawei National ICT Competition 2024–2025

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The Huawei National ICT Competition serves as a prestigious global platform for students to showcase their skills and exchange knowledge in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT). Designed for students from Huawei ICT Academies and higher education institutions worldwide, the competition aims to foster healthy competition, encourage innovative thinking, and enhance participants' ICT knowledge, practical abilities, and creativity using advanced technologies and platforms. For the 2024–2025 edition, the competition saw overwhelming participation, with over 1,200 students from 40 universities and colleges across Malaysia joining the challenge.

Competition Tracks

The Huawei ICT Competition comprises two distinct tracks:

Practice Track

This track focuses on evaluating students' theoretical understanding and practical ICT skills. Challenges in the Practice Track span across Network, Cloud, and Computing domains, emphasizing not just individual competence but also teamwork and collaborative problem-solving.

Innovation Track

The Innovation Track tasks participants with addressing real-world problems using ICT technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), big data, and cloud solutions. Teams are required to propose innovative solutions with tangible social and business value while designing functional and practical models.

Universiti Malaya's Stellar Performance

Universiti Malaya (UM), represented by its Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FSKTM) and Faculty of Engineering (FoE), delivered an outstanding performance at a prestigious competition held on December 3, 2024, at the Palm Garden Hotel, Putrajaya. The university secured three major accolades: the Grand Prize (Cloud Track), First Prize (Network Track), and First Prize (Innovation Track), showcasing UM's excellence in innovation and multidisciplinary collaboration.

The Grand Prize in the Cloud Track was awarded to an exceptional team comprising Chew Ying Ying and Cheu Zi Yuan, both pursuing a Bachelor of Computer Science in Artificial Intelligence, alongside Lee Xim Er, a Bachelor of Accounting student. In the Network Track, UM secured the First Prize through the remarkable efforts of See Chan Sing (Bachelor of Computer Science – Information System), Looi Yu Heng, and Tey Henry (both pursuing a Bachelor of Computer Science – Computer System and Network). The Innovation Track First Prize was achieved by the team from the Faculty of Engineering, comprising students Adrian Lim, Saw Kai Yuan, Lee Shi En and their instructor, Dr. Wong Wei Ru.

Winners for Grand Prize(Cloud Track)

Winners and instructors from FSKTM

Additionally, Prof. Ts. Dr. Rafidah Md Noor, the HCAI Instructor, was honored with a trophy, certificate, and a Huawei laptop for her mentorship. Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Ismail Ahmedy was also recognized with a certificate and a Huawei MatePad Air.

Award Ceremony Highlights

The Huawei National ICT Competition Award Ceremony 2024 was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, YB Datuk Ts. Mustapha Sakmud, who praised the students' exceptional efforts and the program's contribution to nurturing future ICT leaders.

Next Steps

The UM Cloud Track team will now represent Malaysia at the Asia-Pacific (APAC) Competition in 2025, where they will compete against top-performing teams from across the region.

Congratulations to Team FSKTM!

This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication, talent, and collaborative spirit of the Universiti Malaya community. Congratulations to all the participants, mentors, and organizers who made this success possible. Let's cheer on our team as they move forward to represent Malaysia on the APAC stage!

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