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Three Minutes, One Big Impact: UM3MT 2025 Winners Announced

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Winners of the UM3MT 2025 University-Level Competition proudly pose with their prizes and certificates alongside the panel of judges and organising committee.

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Three Minutes Thesis Competition (UM3MT) 2025 - University Level

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UM3MT 2025 Showcases Brilliant Minds Across Disciplines

Universiti Malaya hosted its annual Three Minute Thesis (UM3MT) 2025 University-Level Competition on 7 May 2025 at Lecture Hall 1 (DK1), Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FSKTM). This prestigious academic competition challenges PhD students to communicate the significance of their research in just three minutes, using a single static slide and language suitable for a non-specialist audience.

A total of 31 participants from various faculties competed under two main categories: Science, Engineering & Technology, and Social Science. The competition was live-streamed on YouTube, allowing the university community and general public to tune in and support their faculty representatives.

The panel of judges included distinguished academics and industry leaders from across disciplines. Professor Ts. Dr. Nor Badrul Anuar, from the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, served as the Head of Judges for the Science, Engineering & Technology category. He was joined by Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Fazril Mohammad Razif, Head of Visibility, Information & Communication at the Faculty of Medicine. Judging the Social Science category were Professor Dr. Surinderpal Kaur, Dean of the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics; Professor Dr. Firuza Begham Mustafa, Deputy Dean (Postgraduate) from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; and Madam Zafirah Bahiyah Zulkifli, CEO of Petronas Innovation Garage.

In the Science, Engineering & Technology category, Adam Henry Sivapatham from the Faculty of Pharmacy took first place with his compelling presentation titled *"Diabetes & Herbs: Friends or Foes?"*. Nicholas Thong Li Jie from the Faculty of Dentistry earned second place for his research on dental restoration techniques, *"Fixing Weakened Teeth the Smart Way: 5-Year Results of ART vs SMART in MIH Teeth."*

In the Social Science category, Ngan Sue Ven from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences won first place with her thesis *"The China Factor in Malaysia: Rethinking Foreign Influence from the Ground Up."* Muhammad Taftazany Abd Rahman from the Academy of Islamic Studies secured second place for his insightful work, *"Re-examining the Legal Capacity (al-Ahliyyah) of Stroke Survivors in Performing Worship: Are They Obligated or Not?"*

These four outstanding winners will represent Universiti Malaya at the National 3MT Competition hosted by Universiti Putra Malaysia on 19 June 2025. To prepare them for the national stage, the university has appointed Dr. Nik Ainin Soffiya, a former UM3MT finalist and experienced coach, to provide mentoring and coaching sessions.

UM3MT 2025 was officiated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International), Professor Dr. Hasniza Zaman Huri, who in her opening speech emphasized the value of clear and accessible communication in amplifying the impact of academic research. The university extends its congratulations to all participants for their enthusiasm and passion and looks forward to seeing Universiti Malaya represented with excellence at the national level.



FSKTM team together with all UM3MT 2025 participants at the end of the university level competition



Professor Dr. Hasniza Zaman Huri, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International),
Universiti Malaya, with the panel of judges for UM3MT 2025 University-Level
Competition

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