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UNIQUE: Her novel creation helps to save water

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A FORM Four student from Kolej Tunku Kursiah here did the nation proud when she clinched two awards at the recent Euroinvent 2012, held in Romania last week.

Siti Norsarah Suhaimi, 16, from Kajang, Selangor, won the awards for her invention called the "Aqueract", which is an efficient and hygienic hose system that functions to prevent excess water spillage and helps save water.

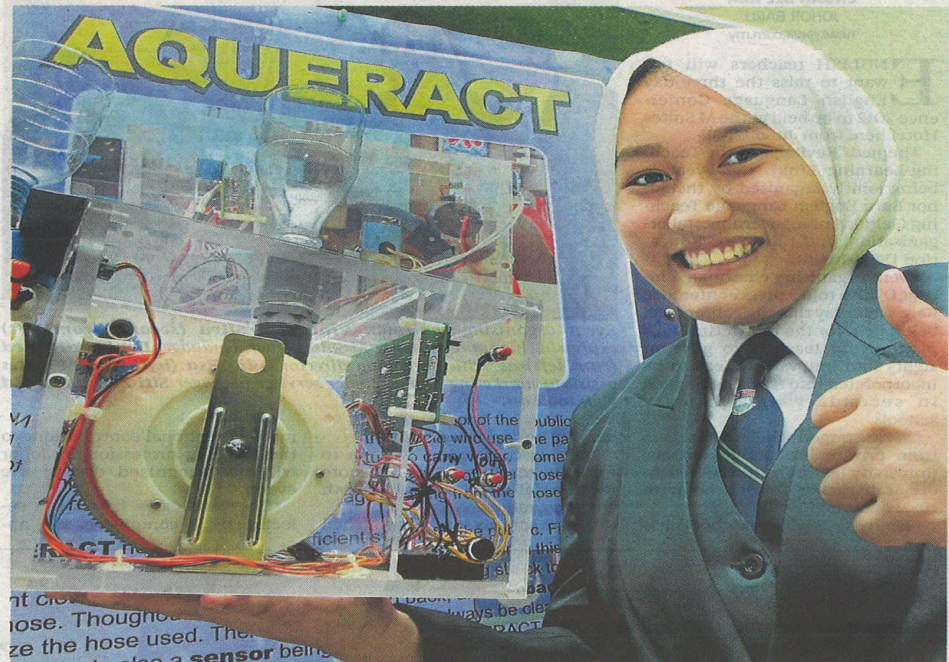
Siti clinched the gold medal for the overall category and won the Special Award from the Korean Invention Academy in the competition.

A total of 15 countries, including Russia, the United Kingdom, France, the United States, Iran and Spain, participated.

Siti said she got the idea for the invention two years ago after seeing the condition of the hoses used in public toilets nationwide which were often tangled up and difficult to use.

Since last year, she had been working with Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) to create the "Aqueract" which, among others, also ensures that the hose reverts to its original state after usage.

"The hose comes out automat-



Siti Norsarah Suhaimi with her award-winning invention. Pic by Owee Ah Chun

ically when a user places his hand on the scanner and returns to its original state after usage.

"To further ensure cleanliness, an anti-bacterial spray automatically sanitises the hose," she said after meeting Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mo-

hammad Hasan at Wisma Negeri, here, yesterday.

The invention also clinched several awards at the state level and in national competitions last year as well as the National Intellectual Properties Awards recently.

Siti Norsarah said she hoped her

invention would be commercialised soon, both locally and internationally, as it helped save water and ensured cleanliness.

The eldest of three children said she would continue with her research and development work to come up with more products.