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Nurturing talents

UNIVERSITI Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) is known to produce multi-skilled professionals having mental, intellectual and emotional fortitude to succeed in life.

The university, through its College of Foundation and General Studies (CFGs) recently organised a drama competition to expose its students, especially those from the Putrajaya campus, to the art of drama and stage play.

The objective of the programme is to nurture students' creativity in conjuring ideas as well as to develop their confidence, especially when presenting in front of an audience, a necessary soft skill for the challenging work arena.

The Uniten Drama Competition, themed "modifying fairy tales" was held at the library auditorium, Uniten Putrajaya campus, recently.

It is about presenting classic fairy tale, with a different twist to adapt to the current environment.

The participating students were equipped with necessary acting skills gained during a series of drama workshops conducted since end of last year.

These workshops were conducted by renowned local director, writer, actor and drama

teacher Andy Darrel Gomez.

A total of 300 guests and students attended this event, which was officiated by Uniten College of Foundation and General Studies deputy dean Dr Rosmiza Mokhtar.

The winner of the event was the team Spirit with its drama titled *Victims*. The team leader, Darrell Yong, credited their winning to the teamwork and commitment of the group members. He also stated that they were all very passionate in acting and did not complain when asked to practise regularly, including at night.

Spirit won a year's subscription of E-Star newspaper worth RM180 as well as RM250, a hamper and certificate of participation.

The panel of judges were Andy Darrell Gomez as the head judge, Observers Playground manager Thasha Gunaseelan and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) drama tutor Khairul Amin.

According to the head judge, winners were determined based on their ability to showcase the skills taught during the workshops, which include stage managing techniques such as blocking and movement, voice and diction, characterisation, emotional commitment to the

character portrayed and the level of energy shown during the presentation of the drama.

Major sponsors for the event were Yayasan Canselor Uniten (YCU), The Star Media Group, Nestle Malaysia and Uniten College of Foundation and General Studies dean Mohd Ariff Ahmad Tarmizi.

Overall, the Uniten drama competition was a successful night as the committee was able to achieve their aim in promoting creative arts among students of Universiti Tenaga Nasional and its surrounding community.

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YCU was incorporated on June 2, 2009, under Seksyen 2

Akta Pemegang Amanah (Pemerbadanan) 1952 (Akta 258) as Pemegang Amanah Yayasan Canselor Universiti Tenaga Nasional Berdaftar.

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The winning group Spirit with Dr Rosmiza (sixth from left) and Andy Gomez (fifth from left).



The Drama Uniten organising committee.