Interns win best poster award

TO present your work is a privilege, to be awarded for it is even more fulfilling. This was the case with Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia (NUMed) students at the "Celebrating Students Research and Expeditions" event in Newcastle, United Kingdom.

Last year's annual event, "Research Scholarships and Expeditions 2017", showcased the best of over 100 projects undertaken in 2017. Students from NUMed on summer placements at Newcastle University were tasked to create a scientific poster displaying the findings of their projects while making it comprehensible to the public.

The students were then asked to present their work at the event, which was open to public.

At the end of the event, Newcastle UK's pro vice-chancellor, Prof Suzanne Cholerton, announced the prizes for the best posters and presented the awards to the students.

Among the NUMed students, third-year Biomedical Sciences (BMS) student Min Yee Chow won the Medical Sciences Faculty prize for her work "Screening and Identifying Oxalate Degrading Bacteria". "I wasn't expecting to win the prize, I was shocked yet delighted when the judges called my name. All the judges commented that my poster presentation was clear and easy to follow. It gave me real satisfaction that most of the audience found my poster presentation interesting and they could understand this scientific project clearly," Chow commented.

All those pursuing a BMS degree at NUMed undertake their third year in Newcastle, UK.

The opportunity is also open to those pursuing a degree in Medicine (MBBS). Each year, a number of medical students are selected to spend the summer at Newcastle University, UK, to undertake a research project. This allows them to collaborate with a diverse range of students and faculties. However, it is not just the NUMed students who have the option to study abroad.

Newcastle UK's third-year physiology student Laura Atkinson took the opportunity to spend two months at NUMed. Atkinson undertook a summer research project in NUMed's Iskandar Puteri campus, which houses a state-of-the-art lab. Once back in the United Kingdom, she was asked to present her findings at the "Research Scholarships and Expeditions 2017".

"It was an honour to receive a commendation award for my poster. It is great to be rewarded for my work and I would like to thank those at NUMed who helped me with my project, particularly my supervisor," Atkinson commented.

Atkinson said, "It was great to do a summer project in Newcastle. I have learned so much from the professors and I couldn't believe how similar our two campuses are, including the same syllabus. As a BMS student, I can do my third year at Newcastle UK. After my experience, I will definitely take this opportunity up.

Newcastle University, UK, has established an international branch campus in Johor, Malaysia, to provide its undergraduate degrees in Medicine (MBBS) and Biomedical Sciences (BSc). Both programmes offer opportunities for periods of study in the United Kingdom.

A one-year Foundation Certificate in Biological and Biomedical Sciences is also available and the successful completion will lead to progression to the MBBS or BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences programme. All programmes of study are equivalent to those of Newcastle's UK-based provision and lead to the award of the same degree.

By choosing to study at NUMed Malaysia, students will obtain a reputable UK qualification from an internationally recognised university at a cost significantly less than that of studying in the United Kingdom.

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