



TAR UC president Datuk Dr Tan Thik Heok (fifth from left) with Faculty of Accountancy, Finance and Business deans Wong Hwa Kiang (left) and Lim (right) and the winning team.

## TAR UC team are champs

A TEAM from Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) excelled at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Regional Business Challenge at the national level this year.

They impressed the judges at the Southeast Asian level to underline TAR UC's tradition of excellence in and outside the classroom.

The annual competition organised by ICAEW serves as a platform for undergraduates to sharpen their understanding and practical skills in the field of business and finance through case studies and presentation of solutions within a tight deadline.

It also offers participating students the opportunity to meet and learn from some of the most influential employers such as Deloitte and Maybank.

At the ICAEW Malaysia Regional Business Challenge-Northern Regional Heats held recently, the TAR UC team comprising six Bachelor of Commerce students namely Tan Jye, Lee Peng Qing, Chong Hsien Leon, Cha Chin Seng, Isabelle Pong Wen-Xin and Revathi Naidu Rejaram Naidu, beat 20 other teams to be named as the northern region champion.

At the Malaysia Heats Finals, the same TAR UC team went on to impress the judges and claimed the champion title along the way.

Their efforts earned them the opportunity of representing Malaysia at the ICAEW Southeast Asia Business Challenge 2018 held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

In addition, Isabelle Pong stood out individually with her public speaking skills and was conferred the Best Speaker Award.

The Southeast Asian level of the competition held last month in Jakarta, Indonesia, saw the TAR UC team keep the Malaysia flag flying amid the strong competition from Singapore, Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia.

Once again, Pong did not disappoint and wowed the crowd. She went on to win the Best Presenter Award. On winning the Best Speaker and Best Presenter awards, Pong said it was quite an unexpected achievement.

"At TAR UC, I was given so many opportunities to speak publicly in classes and competitions since my diploma days. These experiences helped me speak confidently in the competitions," she said.

On the motivation behind the team's success, Cha said: "We worked very hard and kept on challenging ourselves because we wanted to achieve something great before we graduate."

Team member Lee credited their mentor, Johan Lim Kii Geat from the Faculty of Accountancy, Finance and Business, for his constant moral support.

It was his guidance and constructive criticism that helped them improve during their preparation for the competitions.

Pong said she was proud to have studied at TAR UC.

"TAR UC is a great place to study!" she said.

