

2025 WORLDSKILLS ASEAN COMPETITION

TAR UMT sets bar in tech talent

WHEN Malaysia was named the top-performing nation among 10 countries at the 2025 WorldSkills Asean competition in the Philippines, the celebration extended beyond the medal podium.

At the heart of this achievement is a story of dedication, mentorship and institutional excellence — one that shines a spotlight on Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT).

Long before the medals were announced, TAR UMT's reputation had been strengthened when its lecturers were appointed by Jabatan Pembangunan Kemahiran as national experts and coaches.

Their selection reflected a nationwide recognition of TAR UMT's calibre of teaching and its holistic, practice-driven approach to shaping industry-ready graduates.

In the Internet of Things (IoT) category, which the TAR UMT team won silver, Professor Ts Dr Tew Yiqi served as Malaysia's Country Expert, supported by lecturers Wong Wai Zhong and Joan Hau.

The trio worked closely with international experts, analysing test projects and developing strategies that could withstand the pressures of the competition.

They and their students, Ang Wen Yee and Yong Qiao Rou, spent months working on the YALONG IoT training system, immersing themselves in coding, network protocols and systems.

Similarly, in the Cybersecurity category, Ts Lim Mei Shyan, together with coach and TAR UMT alumnus Wong Yik Han, led the team to win gold at the Asean level. They subsequently went on to win bronze at the Asia level.

The two other members were Wang Teng Zheng and Mohammad Ezaly Iman Ramli.

What set these students apart was the human connection they forged with their mentors.

The students often referred to their lecturers as anchors — people who believed in them even when they doubted themselves.

The lecturers, in turn, saw their students as reflections of the university's values: grit, humility and the courage to keep learning.

To find out more about TAR UMT's computing and information technology programmes, please visit us during our Open Day on April 4 and 5; 11 and 12; 18 and 19; and, 25 and 26 at TAR UMT KL Campus and/or all TAR UMT branches nationwide.

Prospective students can also call +6011-1075 8554 or visit www.tarc.edu.my to apply online.



The TAR UMT team in the IoT category comprising (from left) Professor Ts Dr Tew Yiqi, Ang Wen Yee, Yong Qiao Rou, Wong Wai Zhong and Joan Hau.



The TAR UMT cybersecurity team led by Ts Lim Mei Shyan (right) and Wong Yik Han (left). With them are Wang Teng Zheng (third from right) and Mohammad Ezaly Iman Ramli (third from left).