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Mark of excellence

Teoh (second from right) proudly showing the bronze medal he won in the 11th ASEAN Skills Competition together with lecturers from TAR UC.

IN line with Tunku Abdul Rahman University College's (TAR UC) focus on providing quality education built on the three key pillars of being industry-relevant, professionally driven and entrepreneurship focused, its Information and Communication Technology (ICT) programmes are developed to impart the latest industry knowledge and technology as well as prepare students for industry certification.

Such emphasis has resulted in TAR UC students consistently winning major ICT industry competitions. In 2016, TAR UC students raised the bar higher with more wins and firsts, clearly demonstrating TAR UC's excellent ICT education.

The most significant win is the Cisco NetRiders Malaysia 2016 Competition where the students made a clean sweep, winning the champion, first runner-up and second runner-up prizes in the CCNA category – the third consecutive year TAR UC has emerged Champion.

The competition, which was held on Sept 15, 2016 at national level was organised by Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDeC) and Cisco Networking Academy Malaysia as a valuable opportunity for students to showcase their networking abilities, learn new IT skills and gain visibility among talent recruiters in the growing ICT and networking field.

It is a great opportunity to learn valuable networking skills through a series of online examinations and simulation activities using Cisco Packet Tracer.

Champion of Cisco NetRiders Malaysia 2016 Competition, Jeffrey Ting Ming Yeong is a final year Bachelor of Information Technology (Hons) in Information Security student. He beat 660 other registered participants from 11 Cisco Academies.

"I was very determined to do my best and overjoyed that I pulled through. I am very fortunate to be studying in TAR UC where my lecturers are very knowledgeable in the Cisco Networking programme and as such, provided good guidance to prepare for the competition," Jeffrey shared. He won RM500 cash prize, a Challenge Trophy, Roccat Renga gaming headset and certificate.

Another win worth highlighting is in the 11th ASEAN Skills Competition where Teoh Jia Jun emerged as the bronze medal winner in the Web Design Category – the first Malaysian to have won a medal in the competition.

Teoh who is pursuing his Bachelor of Information Technology (Hons) in Information Security recalled the many challenges he faced during the competition.

"I had no knowledge of what to expect. Furthermore, the time frame of three days was very short to learn and apply what I knew to design the websites required. I am very grateful to my lecturers, Tan Bee Sian and Liaw Chun Voon who guided and advised me. I constantly communicated with them to seek their opinions and they helped a lot in providing sound advice and ways to complete the assignments in a shorter time. In addition, certain subjects I have learnt during Diploma in Science (Internet Technology) at TAR UC provided the fundamental knowledge and information to be able to compete in this competition."

The wins further enhance the reputation of TAR UC in providing top-notch ICT programmes and consequently, TAR UC ICT graduates are highly sought after.

■ To find out more about TAR UC's ICT programmes, visit TAR UC Kuala Lumpur Main Campus or any of TAR UC branch campuses in Penang, Perak, Johor, Pahang and Sabah during Open Day at 9am – 5pm on March 13–April 2.

Alternatively, visit TAR UC's booth in all major education fairs or log on to *www.tarc.edu.my*.

Attractive scholarships are also available at TAR UC for qualified students on basis of academic merit.