

Materials Lecture Competition (MLC) 2017



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Materials Lecture Competition (MLC) 2017 was hosted by Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), alongside the Institute of Materials, Malaysia (IMM) and the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM³-UK). The aim of the event was to provide a platform for young talents to exhibit effective and impressive presentation skills in delivering topics in the field of Material Science and Engineering.

This year, twelve universities took part in the event, among which seven of them were from public universities; Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), Universiti Teknikal Malaysia (UTeM) and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) while five from private universities; APU, Multimedia University (MMU), Nottingham University, Taylor's University and Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN). Following the internal audition in March 2017, the best contestants were selected to represent their universities to compete in the semi-final of MLC 2017 on 18 April 2017 which was held at APU campus in Bukit Jalil Kuala Lumpur. The panel of judges consisted of two academicians and two industrial experts. Mr. Ng Zheng Yu (Nottingham University), Mr. Mohd Haziq Dzulkifli (UTM), Ms. Tinesha a/p Selvaraj (UniMAP), Mr. Muhammad Johan Iskandar Zahari (UKM) and Mr. Soo Kuan Lim (USM) were the five finalists selected by the panel of judges led by the moderator, Prof. Dr. Luqman Chuah Abdullah (UPM). The event went on from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm with great success.

The final competition of MLC 2017 was also held at APU on 16 May 2017. The five finalists from USM, UTM, Nottingham University, UniMAP and UKM competed to vie for the top place and represent Malaysia in the Young Persons' World Lecture Competition (YPWLC) 2017 in Perth, Australia. The event showcased a stiff competition among the contestants and the judges, led by the moderator, Prof. Dr. Mohd Kamal Harun took an hour to discuss and conclude the results. The results of final are shown in Table 1.

Prize Categories	Name of Participant	University
First Prize (RM3000 + Certificate + Plaque)	Mr. Ng Zheng Yu	The University of Nottingham (UNMC)
Second Prize (RM2000 + Certificate + Plaque)	Mr. Mohd Haziq Dzulkifli	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)
Third Prize (RM1000 + Certificate + Plaque)	Mr. Muhammad Johan Iskandar Zahari	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
Consolation (RM500 + Certificate)	Mr. Soo Kuan Lim	Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)
	Miss Tinesha a/p Selvaraj	Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP)

Table 1: Results of MLC 2017 Finals

The cash prizes were fully sponsored by IOM3 and IMM. A photo session was held for all the finalists after the announcement of results, as shown in Figure 2. A group photo of five finalists with Mr. Mohd. Azmi Mohd. Noor (IMM President) and his council members, Prof. Dr. Ir. Vinesh Thiruchelvam (Dean of FCET, APU), Prof. Dr. Esah Hamzah (IMM-MLC Chairperson), Panel of Judges led by Dr. Mohd Kamal Harun and Mr. Brian Lim (MLC 2017 Chairman) was taken before the end of the event, as shown in Figure 3.

The winner of MLC 2017, Mr. Ng Zheng Yu from Nottingham University will be representing Malaysia to participate in Young Persons' World Lecture Competition (YPWLC) 2017 which will be held in October 2017 at Perth, Australia and Mr. Brian Lim has been selected as the accompanying lecturer. The success of MLC 2017 greatly relied on the support and contribution of IMM, IOM3, sponsors from various industries (Top Gloves, Hamac Food Industries and Globaltech Hygiene) and the MLC 2017 committee. MLC 2018 will be held in Kuala Lumpur and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) will host the event.



Figure 1: Group Photo of MLC 2017 Final



Figure 2: Semi-finalists of MLC 2017



Figure 3: Finalists of MLC 2017