

Materials Lecture Competition 2018 Final



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On May 3rd, five finalists from universities across the nation came together at the Azman Hashim Hall, UTM Kuala Lumpur campus to compete in the Materials Lecture Competition 2018 (MLC 2018). The finalists were the top five winners of the MLC 2018 semi-final competition, which was held on the 5th April 2018 at UTM Kuala Lumpur. The event was jointly organised by UTM School of Graduate Studies, Institute of Materials Malaysia (IMM) and Institute of Materials, Minerals, and Mining (IOM3). The MLC 2018 semi-final and final events were sponsored by IMM, Serba Dinamik Group Bhd, UTM School of Graduate Studies and Zeta Scientific Sdn. Bhd. The MLC was aimed at stimulating students' communication competencies development in delivering ideas pertaining to material science and engineering.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor of UTM Kuala Lumpur campus, Prof. Dr. Shamsul Sahibuddin was on hand to officiate the national MLC 2018 final competition. A panel of judges, from both academia and industries as listed in Table 1, selected the winners based on the participants' personal enthusiasm for the subject, presentation's structure, technical content and clarity, along with their competence in handling questions. Mr. Andrew Ng Kay Lup from Universiti Malaya (UM) was announced as the first-prize winner, while Ms. Norkhalizatul Akmal Mohd Jamil from UTM and Ms. Raffaella Pian Cheau Mei from Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) came as the first runner-up and second runner-up, respectively. The winners walked away with a cash prize of RM3000, RM 2000 and RM 1000 together with plaques awarded by the President of IMM, Mr. Mohd. Azmi Mohd. Noor. Consolation and cash prizes of RM500 were also given to the last two finalists. The first-prize winner will represent Malaysia in the Young Persons' World Lecture Competition (YPWLC) 2018, which will be held in South Africa in October 2018.

This half-day competition ended with closing remarks by the President of IMM, who had also announced Universiti Teknikal Melaka (UTeM) as the host for the MLC 2019 which will be held next year (2019) in UTeM, Melaka.

Table 1: STFO Panel of Judges of MLC 2018 final

Name of Judges	Affiliation
Assoc. Prof. Ir. Dr. Abu Bakar Sulong	Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Ir. Dr. Azmi Mohammed Nor	PETRONAS Research Sdn Bhd
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chan Chin Han	Faculty of Applied Sciences, Universiti Teknologi MARA
Mr. Kang Kim Ang	Corrtrol Co.



Figure 1: Five finalists of MLC 2018 (back row) with (front row) the President of IMM, UTM-MLC 2018 Chairperson, UTM-MLC 2018 Advisor and panel of judges



Figure 2: The winners of MLC 2018 final. From left: 2nd runner-up, Ms. Raffaella Pian Cheau Mei (UTP), first-prize winner, Mr. Andrew Ng Kay Lup (UM) and 1st runner-up, Ms. Norkhalizatul Akmal Mohd Jamil (UTM)

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