

## UCSI Architecture Students Net Five Design Awards @ MSID's Competition



The winning team: (from left) Farah, Phoenix, Chloe, Izwan & Mohd. Redzwan.

It's nearly a sweep! The winners of Malaysian Society of Interior Designers: 11th Interior Design Students Saturday competition were just announced. And one institution is bringing home prizes in nearly every category: the University College Sedaya International (UCSI).

The School of Architecture, Management & Surveying (SAMS) of UCSI, which was established merely a year, emerged as a big winner with five top prizes while competing against other institutions in Malaysia.

UCSI was selected as the grand prize winner of Synergy Lighting Design Category and received RM1000.00 cash voucher for its invention 'Lite-An-egg'. UCSI's interior architecture students: Chloe Liew, Phoenix Fok, Farah Nur and Izwan Helmy turned re-usable items such as disposed egg crates, clothes hangers and PC monitor's base into stylish and contemporary desk lamps.



Phoenix Fok

“Our designs are aimed at educating the community to learn and to ‘Do-It-Yourself’ using reusable disposed items, which ultimately help us to create environmental-friendly surroundings,” said Phoenix S.Y Fok, an Interior Architecture student. “To produce something new in a short time frame is not easy. Therefore, we decided to make use of easily-accessible materials around us.”

The four students were given the task of creating lighting design with only a one-day to complete it. They were briefed in the morning at 9.00am and they spent the rest of the day to conceptualize, to plan, to gather the materials and lastly completing the design at 8.00pm on the same day.



Mohammed Zani, Head of SAMS, with the award-winning design.

“It was not an easy task as we need to meet the deadline which is on the same day. However, our lecturers made it easier by working together with us rather than just giving instructions,” said Chloe Liew, another member of the team.



Mohd. Redzwan

“I’m impressed with the students’ performance. They were fast-thinking and managed to work well within the constraints. Most importantly, each of them were focused on the given task,” commented Mohd. Redzwan Hisham Bidin, lecturer of SAMS. “We believed it is the joint effort that we are trying to instill in them has enable them to succeed in this task. “

The other four successes were second and third prizes in various categories as follows:

#### Synergy Exhibition Booth Competition

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner - UCSI

Student: Yu Pui Ja, Neoh Aik Buey

Lecturer: Chia Lin Lin

#### Synergy Choral Speaking Competition

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner - UCSI

Student: Matthew Chang, Fanson Kwong Der An, Gary Ng, Tan Chien Hong,

Amirah Izzati Zakaria, Lee Wei Ren, Stephen Tan,

Shiu Wai Choon, Lee Wen Yi, Tang Choon Wah.

Lecturer: Kelvin Ching

Synergy Design Medley [collaboration with other colleges]

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner - UCSI

Student: Izwan Helmy [UCSI representative]

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner - UCSI

Student: Annie Jaid Parker [UCSI representative]

The annual Interior Design Students Saturday is an event organised by Malaysian Society of Interior Designers to reach out to future designers to help them realise their role in society. Its other objective is to bridge the gap among students from various interior design schools and colleges in the country. This event is in line with SAMS's main objective to develop the student's skills required in the workplace, such as team works, management skills, IT skills and presentation skills.

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