Unity of dance

UNIRAZAK’s recent Aksara Budaya event is a demonstration of its students’ creativity.

UNIVERSITI Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK), one of Malaysia’s leading boutique universities, recently held its “Aksara Budaya” dance competition at De Kelana Hall MBPJ.

Organised by the Cultural and Heritage Unit (Duta Budaya) of the Student Affairs Department, the annual event combines UNIRAZAK’s yearly singing competition UNIRAZAK Idol and I Malaysia Dance Competition.

The event started off with the UNIRAZAK Idol 2010 competition where the university’s regional centres from Sidma Sabah, Sidma Sarawak, Taj College Ipoh, UNIRAZAK Kota Bharu Kelantan, Sentral College Penang and UNIRAZAK Kelana Jaya sent their UNIRAZAK Idol champions to compete for the grand prize of RM500 and trophy. Each regional centre’s representative sang their hearts out and were assessed by three professional judges who judged the contestants on their appearance and stage presence, vocals, and showmanship.

Aksara Budaya 2010 is not only a dance competition, it is a cultural event with the objective of bringing youth back to their cultural heritage and to help them appreciate the performing arts.

The I Malaysia Dance Competition started with the arrival of VIPs, who were greeted by the Duta Budaya Gamelan team. One of the VIPs was UNIRAZAK Academic & Research deputy president Datuk Prof Dr Mohd Mahyuddin Mohd Dahan. There were also door gifts sponsored by Karangkraf Publications Sdn Bhd.

The first team to perform was Putri-Putri Mutiara from Sentral Penang followed by Kestari SIDMA Sarawak, Sutrasari Borneo Dancers SIDMA Sabah and Duta Budaya Tari UNIRAZAK Kelana Jaya.

After the break, the competition resumed with the performances from TAJ International College Ipoh dance team, Sri RaktamRitcika from UNIRAZAK Kota Baru and finally Seri Sanggar Budaya from Alor Setar. Three representatives from Istana Budaya judged the I Malaysia competition.

The audience was also entertained by members of the Duta Budaya choir, who performed a P. Ramlee tribute led by Siti Hajar Ismail and also with songs from Duta Budaya UNIRAZAK and The Breakfast Band.

UNIRAZAK Idol 2010, third place, went to Sugeindhiran from Sentral College Penang, second place to Azirana Basar from Taj International College Ipoh and first place to Saiful Reduan from UNIRAZAK Kelana Jaya.

The I Malaysia Dance Competition prizes came in different categories. The first category “Busana Terbaik” was won by Duta Budaya Tari UNIRAZAK Kelana Jaya. “Anugerah Harapan” was won by Putri-Putri Mutiara Sentral College Penang, and “Koreografi Terbaik” by TAJ International College Ipoh.

The second runner-up went to Sri RaktamRitcika UNIRAZAK Kota Baru, first runner to Duta Budaya Tari UNIRAZAK Kelana Jaya and the first place went to TAJ International College which won...
the grand prize of RM2,000 and a trophy. "The event was a success that the Cultural and Heritage Unit (Duta Budaya) Students Affairs Department UNIRAZAK Kelana Jaya can be proud of. It also marked a guarantee that the next AKSARA BUDAYA will be better and an event to be anticipated by everyone," said AKSARA BUDAYA 2010 programme director Wan Huzainee Wan Hussein.