

Savouring sweet taste of success

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Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) is savouring the sweet taste of success after securing the gold cup and silver cup at the 3rd International Innovation Competition (INNOCOM III), organised by Academic International Dialogue (AID) Academy, Malaysia in collaboration with Universitas Gunadarma, Indonesia.

The students' creative and academic abilities were showcased at the competition (international level). The students were picked by UNISSA's Halalan Thayyiban Research Centre (PPHT).

The competition corralled over 100 entries adjudged by 44 judges from universities in Malaysia, through YouTube video presentations.

UNISSA's Ehtaj - Home Kitchen Composter Device Produce Halal Eco-Friendly Fertiliser project, which discussed the worrying issue of waste management in Brunei, secured the gold cup. It was also deemed as 'best participant for the advanced abstract paper category in the Social Science category (Innovative Ideas)'.

The first group came up with the idea to produce a tool that allows for the composting of food waste into organic fertiliser, which is highly beneficial to plants as it provides additional nutrients.

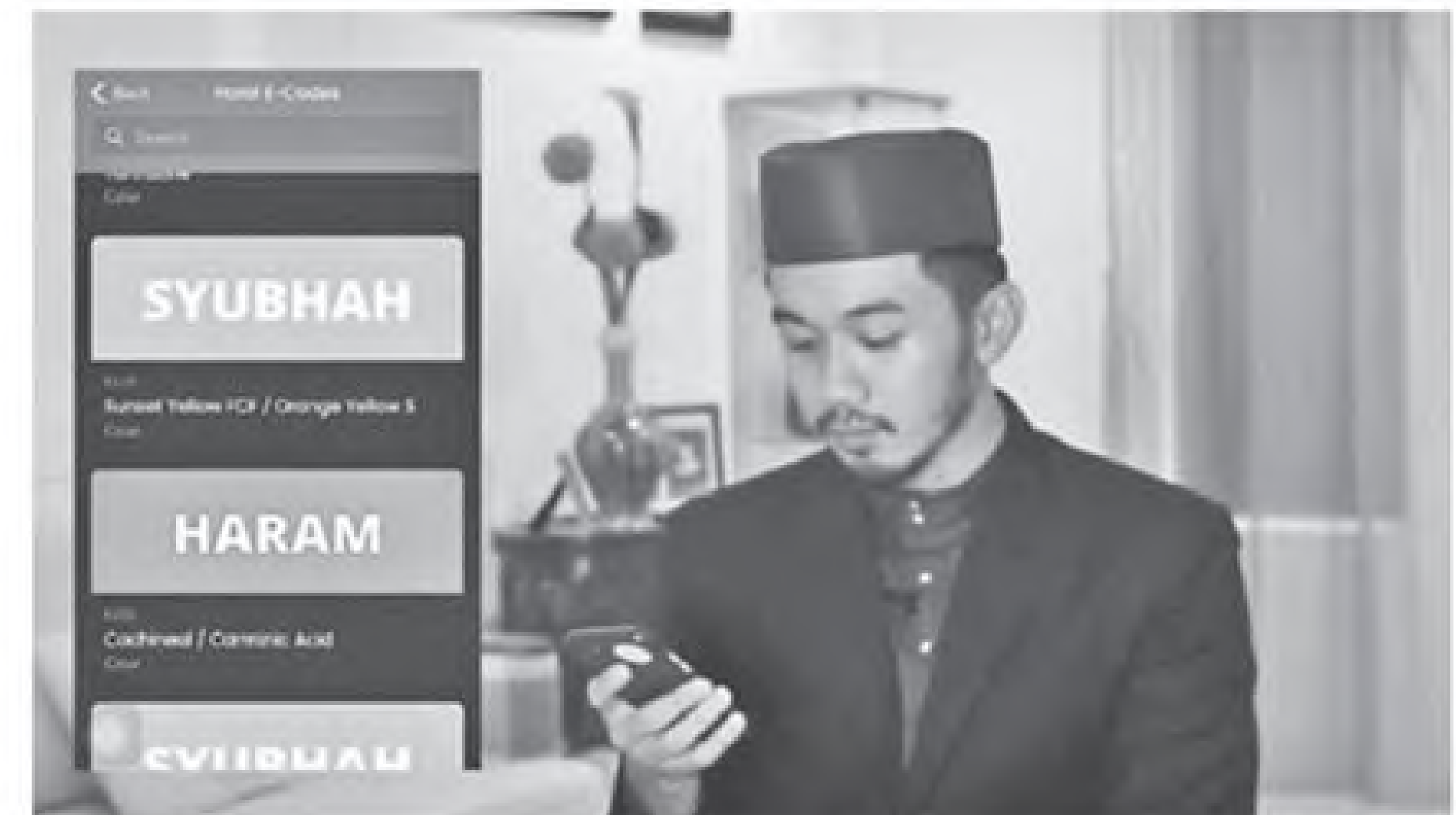
The second group, with the BruHalal app project, discussed the issue of e-code content in food that raises doubts. The group produced an application that makes it easier for users to know the status of the e-code content before deciding to make purchase. The group clinched the silver trophy and was crowned Best Advanced Abstract in the Science and Technology (Innovation Project) category.

Meanwhile, UNISSA and Universitas Islam Bandung, Indonesia organised the virtual 5th Bandung Annual International Conference (BAIC), Social and Humanities Research Symposium (SoRes) on October 18.

The organisers announced that PPHT students Siti Majidah binti Rahim and Nor Surilawana binti Haji Sulaiman won the Favourite Video Presentation award for their paper titled *Role of Industry Players in Generating Brunei Darussalam's Halal Industry Development*

Two hundred had participated in the BAIC conference, and the evaluation was based on the paper presentation video on Youtube.

UNISSA's participation in the competition is to open students' mind in being creative and innovative. It also allowed participants to build critical thinking skills in producing a study.



The BruHalal app clinches the silver trophy. PHOTO: UNISSA