The 2nd annual "World Inventor Award Festival" was held by Korea Invention News (KINEWS) to celebrate the efforts & achievements of inventors, creators, and innovative institutions, companies, and schools around the world. The World Inventor Award Festival, WIAF 2013, aims to help foster a universal culture in which innovation and creativity are encouraged at every level of society, to promote a wider understanding of how the intellectual property system works to serve creativity and innovation. Besides, this program has set goals towards discovering those who deserve to be recognized for their success and higher achievements, contributions, and for the development of numerous industries.

WIAF offered division categories based on numerous industries, research & studies in applied science, IT, intellectual properties, business promotion and many more. 74 division categories were offered such as Agriculture, Art & Design, Engineering, Food & Grocery, Forestry, Rehabilitation and Therapy, and so on. Associate Professor Dr. Balan Rathakrishnan was honored in the Invention Academics Order Of Merit in the Invention Academic And Education category (no. 37 division category).

The aims of this event is to reward the best inventor in each category. Congratulations to Associate Professor Dr. Balan Rathakrishnan, who received distinguished awards of merit during the World Inventor Award Festival 2013 (WIAF) on 14th December 2013 at Seoul Garden Hotel in Seoul, Korea. Before this, Associate Professor Dr. Balan Rathakrishnan has won gold award in ITEX Malaysia 2013 that the 24th International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition. 2013 WIAF serves as a platform for rewarding the world's best of the best individuals, groups, companies, and associations in various fields and businesses. It related to relative occupations and professionals dealing with creativity, invention, and innovation.

Hope that more researchers and future inventors from UMS are encouraged to participate because the new product or invention that made by UMS will be acknowledged in the Global setting.