WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST - Three International Relations students made it to the qualifying round at the national level for the Asean Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Youth Debate on Human Rights Debate 2017.

The students, namely, Jordan A/L Irutheeyanathan, Nurul Askikin Mohd Nohan and Umi Nur Zahidah Mohd Kaslan, were invited by AICHR Malaysia (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to attend the selection process at Putrajaya last July 22.

Their participation in this national selection was sponsored by Suhakam Kota Kinabalu Office through the help of Comm. Datuk Godfrey Gregory Joitol. Among the three, Jordan was successful in being chosen as part of the 4-person Malaysian Team to this debate competition to be held in Bangkok, Thailand on September 3 to 6.

Another student, Umi Nur was also named as reserved member in any case that the four members are not able to join the regional event.

This is the first time that UMS is participating in an AICHR program. The AICHR Youth Debate on Human Rights was organised since 2014 to increase awareness on human rights issues among ASEAN youths. This year, the theme is on "The 50th Anniversary of ASEAN: Forging Ahead Together Towards a Sustainable Community."

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