UMSKAL team celebrate victory

LABUAN: KAL Team, representing University Malaysia Sabah, Labuan International Campus (UMSKAL), took gold at the Team Excellence Convention 2013 for the Sabah-Sarawak region at The Pacific Sutera, Kota Kinabalu, on Thursday.

The team, comprising Eldayana Suhaili (team leader), Zek Jas, Mohd Quazly Arifin, Abd Sofian Abd Ghani, Nurulhuda Leman and Dorothy Chew, and received a trophy and certificate of appreciation from the State Assistant Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister, Datuk Bolkiah Ismail, represented by Datuk Raymond Tan.

The convention was held by the Malaysian Productivity Corporation (MPC) of the Sabah region and will select the Sabah-Sarawak region representative for the national level convention in Gambang, Pahang on 1 - 3 October.

Meanwhile, UMSKAL Director, Prof Madya Dr Ismail Ali and the Assistant Registrar, Zamri Mohamad Tuah, congratulate the success of KAL Team.

Dr Ismail said, the success brings pride to the UMSKAL community and motivates the officers, lecturers and staff to practice the 5S Practices around campus.

He hopes that the success will continue, not only in the 5S Practices but also in other fields that UMSKAL students choose to participate in.

He added the 5S Practices Organization, pioneered by Baharin Entoh, will work harder to ensure an even bigger achievement next October.

Member of Labuan parliament, Rozman Isli, also congratulates KAL Team for making Labuan proud and wishes them success at the national level.

Eleven teams from Sabah, Sarawak, Labuan and states in West Malaysia also took part in the convention. By JAINUDIN DJIMIN

Karpal calls for blacklist of parties in alleged illegal Bukit Relau land clearing

GEORGE TOWN: Bukit Gelugor member of Parliament Karpal Singh has called for the directors and companies involved in the alleged illegal land clearing in Bukit Relau, Jalan Bukit Gambier to be blacklisted.

Karpal, who is also the DAP chairman, said the owner of Lot number H396 where the illegal land clearing allegedly took place should be blacklisted.

He said according to a Penang Local Government report yesterday, the land belonged to General Accomplishment Sdn Bhd, one of whose directors was tycoon Tan Sri Tan Kok Ping.

"Charges against the company by the Penang Island Municipal Council (MPPP) are not enough. Both Tan as its director and the company should be blacklisted for defying the law," he told reporters here yesterday.

In a report during the state legislative assembly yesterday, Penang Local Government, Traffic Management and Flood Mitigation Committee chairman Chew Kon Yeow said that Tan was the director of the company which had allegedly carried out illegal earthwork and MPPP would be bringing charges against the company on July 11.

Tan is currently executive advisor and former president of the Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Meanwhile, Karpal also urged for the other company involved in the alleged activity to be prosecuted and blacklisted.

"No matter how rich or powerful you are, the DAP led state government will not allow anyone to defy the law and escape unpunished," he said.

On May 15, Seri Delima state assemblyman RSN Rayer had called on MPPP, the state Forestry Department and Northeast District Office to investigate the hill clearing activities on Bukit Relau.

It was reported in early June that MPPP had revealed the names of the two companies which had allegedly felled trees on the hill. - Bernama