

## Your Diary...

# Awards for top pharmaceutical students

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Ten graduates of pharmaceutical sciences from local universities have been awarded the Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society (MPS)-Chemical Company of Malaysia Bhd (CCM) 2009 Gold Medal Award for outstanding academic and extra-curricular performance.

The MPS-CCM Gold Medal Award is presented annually to top final year students. Recipients are awarded the MPS-CCM Gold Medal, a certificate and RM500.

Lim Chong Teck, 25, one of the recipients was surprised but thankful that he was chosen.

"It is gratifying to be recognised by the industry and this award really means a lot to me.

"I am passionate about advancing my career in this industry as well as improving the wellbeing of the community," said Lim, a former Universiti Malaya student, who is based at Tengku Ampuan Rahimah Hospital, Klang.

"I studied pharmacy because I wanted to be in a profession that allowed me to help others and serve

the society at large.

"Knowledge is a gift in itself and should be applied towards enhancing the lives of others.

"This recognition is invaluable and will motivate me to work harder to achieve greater success in my career," added Lim, who wishes to open his own community pharmacy.

Another recipient, 21-year-old Wan Maisarah Wan Ahmad Kamal said: "It was not my decision to study pharmacy but my father's. However, I have always wanted to run my own business and the thought of setting up a retail pharmacy sprang to my mind which prompted me to trust my father's judgement and take up pharmaceutical studies."

Wan Maisarah, a former Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences student, is also working at Tengku Ampuan Rahimah Hospital, Klang.

Speaking at the award presentation ceremony, CCM pharmaceuticals division director, Leonard Ariff Abdul Shatar, said the MPS-CCM Gold Medal Award was CCM's contribution to the industry by way of



Lim Chong Teck is grateful for the recognition.

acknowledging young achievers.

"As a sponsor for the past 12 years, we recognise the important role that pharmacists play in assuring the

quality and safe administration of medicines in Malaysia.

"Together with MPS, we hope that the award will inspire young grad-

uates to become dedicated health-care professionals who are well-versed in the development and utilisation of medicines while maintaining public interest at the heart of their profession," added Ariff.

MPS president, Datuk Nancy Ho, expressed the society's gratitude to CCM for its unwavering support throughout the years.

"I hope the recipients will continue to pursue professional development to understand the evolving trends in the pharmaceutical industry as they strive to achieve the highest standard of professionalism and excellence in the field."

The other recipients were Phuan Ke Shin (Universiti Sains Malaysia), Chua Eng Wee (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia), Siti Nurfajariah Said (International Islamic University Malaysia), Lim Mun Kit

Oh Hui Shian (Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology), Nur Hidayah Kamaruzaman (Universiti Teknologi Mara), Jason Loo Siau Ee and Tan Shin Yee (both from International Medical University).