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KUCHING: UCSI University Sarawak Campus hosted the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management (FHTM) Dean's List Awards 2023, at UCSI Hotel Kuching on Friday night.

The event was meant to celebrate the academic accomplishments of 36 outstanding students across seven programmes.

This year's awards ceremony was orchestrated by the FHTM staff members in Sarawak Campus and coordinated by 30 FHTM students from the July and September 2023 intakes.

"I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you who have achieved this aspirational feat of excellence.

"Your hard work and dedication have brought you to this moment, and I have no doubt that you will carry this positive momentum forward, continuing to excel in all your future endeavours," FHTM dean Assistant Prof Christopher Wan Sageng said in his welcoming remarks.

Another highlight of the event was the acknowledgement of three recipients of the Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak) Scholarship for the Diploma in Event Management programme.

Each recipient received RM10,000, a significant contribution to their educational journey.

One of the recipients Ivy Glyniss Kana, 20, said she was delighted to receive the scholarship after having won an essay competition aimed at highlighting the state's potential as a prime destination for business events hosted by BESarawak.



Dylan presents the mock cheque for RM10,000 to Ivy.
— Photos by Chimon Upon

"I am thrilled about this triumph as it aligns perfectly with my profound interest in event management. This scholarship will provide me with the opportunity to delve deeper into the intricacies of event planning and execution," she told The Borneo Post when met at the event.

The other scholarship recipients are Clarissa Belle Yee Ling Cheng and Dalene Hon Ngat Fah.

The Friday night event also marked a significant milestone through the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between UCSI University and Naim Holdings Bhd.

"This partnership signifies a robust commitment to education scholarships, training and internship placements. We eagerly look forward to exciting prospects that this collaboration will bring and the enriching



(From left) Ting, Christopher, Neeta and Gary in a photo-call, taker after the MoU signing ceremony.

experiences it will offer to our students," said Christopher.

Earlier in his speech, he also shared FHTM's latest global achievement – a remarkable 34th place on the QS World University Ranking 2023 for Hospitality and Leisure Management.

Among the guests were FHTM alumni Naim Holdings Bhd group human capital senior

manager Neeta Syairul Amelia Safian and talent acquisition and employer branding executive Gary Jawa Brooke; UCSI University Sarawak Campus Department for Tourism and Leisure head Ting Hui Bun; and acting BESarawak Capacity and Digital Development manager Dylan Redas Noel who represented its chief executive officer Amelia Roziman.