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WINNERS OF UAV SISWA CHALLENGE TO FLY TO FRANCE FOR 1 WEEK STUDY TOUR

- *UiTM's Team Namtor comprising mechanical students beat 7 other teams to emerge Champion in the aerospace challenge*
- *These 4 young Malaysians will pit their knowledge and capabilities against 4 other French teams during the tour*

Kuala Lumpur, 16 April 2014 – After one year of challenging preparation, building, performing system integration and testing, the 8 teams who flew their self-made hexacopters in the final competition last month were feted at the UAV Siswa Challenge prize giving ceremony.

Team Namtor of Universiti Teknologi MARA, which comprised 4 mechanical engineering students took top honours, and in the process, won a one-week study tour in France. They were the only team who successfully completed all missions during the final competition.

Team Namtor's members - Mohd Azri bin Mukhtarizan, Ahmad Affiq Sukari, Zafirah Husna bt. Mohamad Amin and Nur Hanis Hazirah bt. Mustapha can now look forward to experiencing the latest aerospace and aeronautics technologies. Their study tour will cover an experiential visit to the Virtual Reality Centre (VRC) and the Immersive Reality Centre (IRC) of Dassault Aviation in Paris, and thereafter, a walkthrough of the civil and military aircraft final assembly lines in Bordeaux. They will also be briefed on the latest engine technology during their visit to the Snecma (Safran) factory located just outside Paris. Team Namtor will also be the pride of Malaysia when it pits its hexacopter against 4 other teams from France in a UAV challenge in Paris.

The teams that took second and third place were from Universiti Putra Malaysia - Team Icarus and Team Langit Biru UPM respectively. The organisers and jury, Dassault Aviation, CTRM and MIGHT collectively agreed that Team Hex-ell from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

deserved to be awarded the Jury Special Prize for their challenging spirit. The team, who drove up from Johor by themselves, refused to give up despite failing to have any successful flight on the first day of the final competition. Team Hex-ell's perseverance was rewarded when their hexacopter flew successfully on day two of the finals and even managed to perform part of the competition mission.

Dassault Aviation's representative and Rafale Program Director for Malaysia, Daniel Fremont said, "We are delighted to see such quality Malaysians students who demonstrated their knowledge, capabilities and determination to achieve the set goal of flying their UAV autonomously. We committed a period of over a year to this Challenge with the universities and our local partners, to enable the students to gain hands-on experience similar to a real-life commercial project. The result has been outstanding."

The UAV Siswa Challenge was initiated with the aim of supporting human capital development of a future engineering workforce in Malaysia in the field of aeronautics and aerospace. It was organised by leading aerospace companies Dassault Aviation and CTRM, in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT). Dassault Aviation is one of the companies in the consortium that produced the Rafale fighter jet.

Other finalist teams were El Nino Alpha 4 and Wired Up from International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), UMP Phoenix from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) and USM AeroCopter P1 from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM).

"The participants' passion was commendable and stood out throughout the Challenge. The students committed their time to complete their hexacopter, overcame disappointments following numerous crashes and learnt from them, sourced for solutions and enlarged their network of contacts from this Challenge. These are invaluable practical experience that add to their theoretical and technical knowledge and will equip them well when they join the marketplace," Fremont added.

UAV, which stands for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, is an aerial system embedding dedicated software, equipment and systems, allowing autonomous flying without a pilot on board. It is an example of high technology, low risk equipment that are being used in a growing number of applications, ranging from civil to military, such as reconnaissance and surveillance over wide areas.

Dr. Mohd Yusoff Sulaiman, President and Chief Executive Officer of MIGHT said, “We are pleased that leading aerospace companies like Dassault Aviation and CTRM are collaborating with MIGHT to provide a platform for students to put theory to practice. Aerospace is an interesting industry with great potential for Malaysia. It is an area of high value engineering services that can help catapult Malaysia towards achieving our vision of being a developed nation by 2020. I hope all the participants of this UAV Siswa Challenge will choose this field as their career as we need engineers and experts in the aerospace industry.”

The UAV Siswa Challenge 2013-2014, which was opened to all tertiary institutions in Malaysia, registered overwhelming interest from 162 students, forming 42 teams from 13 universities. Of these, 35 teams submitted written proposals on their UAV projects. Based on their project papers, 19 teams were pre-selected to present to a panel comprising representatives from Dassault Aviation, CTRM, MIGHT and Unmanned Systems Technology Sdn Bhd (UST), who then selected 10 finalist teams. However, of these 10, only 8 teams completed the challenge to fly the hexacopters they built.

For more information on the UAV Siswa Challenge 2013-2014, please visit www.uavsiswachallenge.com.

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