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Student aces Korean speech contest

OF late, South Korea has built a good reputation in offering good-quality tertiary education. Studying in South Korea provides a more affordable option when it comes to tuition fees as compared to other traditional destinations such as the United States of America or United Kingdom.

The fact that one needs to master the Korean language and being able to write and read Hangul does not deter many youngsters from pursuing their dreams.

Adlan Rashdan Saiful Adli, a hopeful teenager from Ipoh, Perak, has his eyes set on getting a degree from one of the prestigious South Korean universities ever since he could remember.

He watches South Korean dramas, listens to South Korean pop songs and enrolls into the Foundation in Science and Technology for Korean University (Pre Korea) programme at Universiti Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Institute of Information Technology (UniKL MIIT).

UniKL MIIT is known for its strategic collaboration with various renowned university partners in South Korea since 2011.

Such collaboration has resulted in various activities such as academic programmes, scholarships, conferences, joint-project supervisions, exchange of lecturers, staff and students, Edu-Tourism and more.

For the past five years, UniKL Pre Korea students have been participating in the annual Korean Speech Contest, organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Malaysia. Open to Korean-speaking

Malaysians and foreigners living in this country, the objectives of the contest are to encourage the use of the language among the non-native speakers, to evaluate the participants' Korean language proficiency and to promote South Korea.

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The contest that took place in Busan, South Korea on November 2019 also witnessed Malaysian representatives competing against the other hopeful contestants from Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines.

"The other contestants were equally good. They sounded very much like natives and I did not expect to win," said a humble Adlan, right after he won.

"Even if I didn't win any prize in the final round, this has been an invaluable experience to me. I got to meet many new friends who share the same passion for the Korean language. Winning the contest also boosted my confidence level."

Adlan Rashdan is now getting ready to embark on his new adventure as an undergraduate student of Konkuk University during the spring semester. UniKL MIIT wishes Adlan the very best of luck.

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