

Creativity wins



The jubilant winners and student advisors were all smiles after their win.

UNIVERSITY College Sedaya International (UCSI) School of Engineering students bagged three of five prizes at this year's annual National Intellectual Property Awards event held recently at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

The students took home the first, third and fourth prizes in the category for institutions of higher learning, which received a total of 26 entries.

UCSI's Centre for Research Excellence head and student advisor, Dr Jimmy Mok, said, "We helped the students at the conceptualisation stage.

"Once they were on track, their creativi-

ty took over and they were able to produce the winning entries themselves."

Bagging the top prize is the distance monitoring system (DiM) developed by Mimi Iriana and Joshua Tan Wai Kiat, which allows parents to track their children as they move away.

"The DiM alerts parents when their children have strayed beyond a safe distance," said Mimi. "The sensors can be inserted into toys pinned onto the child's clothes or hung as key chains on the child's bag."

Third place winners, Tan Aik Chun, Yeap Khai On and Tee Kwee Siang, came up with their product — the Portable

Traffic Light (Portraff) — after encountering traffic congestion due to faulty traffic lights. Portraff, a four-sided traffic light, can ease the burden of police in charge of traffic flow at road junctions during peak hours.

The fourth prize went to Wong Ying Qian, Goh Yong Hoe and Leong Jun How for their drying revolver (Dryver), which dries different types of clothes strung on a hanger.

All the students attributed their wins to their exposure to new technologies at the university college, and expressed interest in coming up with better inventions for next year's competition.