

(From left) Gabriel and Kelly symbolically receive their prize from UCSI University Sarawak Campus chief operating officer Mukvinder Sandhu.

SMK Lake students win cooking competition

KUCHING: SMK Lake students Gabriel and Kelly have won the Next Big Chef 2017 after reaching the semi-finals last year.

They won an RM40,000 bursary and RM1,000 during the finals last weekend.

Gabriel and Kelly scored 601.2 points out of 900 to beat SMK Pending's Christopher and Christy, who scored 562 points.

"It was a blast! I really love Next Big Chef. I felt like I'm in MasterChef Australia. So nervewracking!" said Gabriel.

Inthirdplace were Nichell Hoand Law Fong Leong from SMK DPHA Gapor. The Next Big Chef is hosted by UCSI University. Auditions in schools started in February with more than 300 students from 19 schools participating.

Participants were required to prepare modern Malaysian cuisine. The climax of the competition for the top six finalists involved a three-hour non-stop cook-off challenge.