

ATC DOMINATES THE MOOT SCENE

ATC has hit another milestone in its proud moot tradition. In the recently concluded 6th LAWASIA Moot Competition 2011, National Rounds, ATC emerged as runner-up and thereby earning the right to represent Malaysia in the International Rounds to be held in Seoul, South Korea in October this year. ATC mooter Mr. Alwin Rajasurya Anthony also bagged the Best Mooter Prize for displaying outstanding oratory skills.

ATC has become a force to be reckoned with in this competition, being the only institution in the country to qualify into the international rounds for the third year consecutively. ATC mooters have taken the Malaysian flag to Hong Kong, Vietnam, India and now South Korea. ATC is the only Malaysian institution to have brought back all the top prizes of this competition, namely the LAWASIA International Champion Trophy, the Best Memorial Trophy and the Best Mooter Trophy from various parts of the world.

Instead of resting on their laurels, the success achieved has pushed team ATC to work harder. Taking nothing for granted, ATC fought tooth and nail to be one of the two out of 25 competing teams to carry Malaysia's name, beating top teams from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (UIA) and defending champion Taylor's University (TU).

Moot Court competitions are where teams are given fictional facts with legal issues involved and they have to argue their clients case to a bench of judges. This year's moot problem revolves around a shipment of green bananas, which did not materialise fully due to unforeseen circumstances. Due to a few vague terms and misplaced trust, the two contracting parties could not agree on the subsequent course of action and found themselves before an arbitral tribunal to resolve their differences.

ATC sent four teams this year, two each from ATC's KL campus and ATC's Penang campus. All four teams worked tirelessly for two months in preparation of the moot competition, especially since it involved issues in many areas unfamiliar to them. Dr. Danny Choong, Principal and Deputy CEO of ATC said that he was very happy with their achievements and congratulated the team and thanked the various people involved in helping the team including experts in International Commercial law from the ATC faculty, lawyers who were former ATC students and the team coaches, Ms. Irene Kam and Mr. Daniel Bong. Their combined effort proved to be the recipe for success for the mooters, as the mooters were able to handle questions by the judges calmly and confidently, with many hours of practice behind them, under simulated court-room atmosphere.

The mooters from the ATC KL teams are Alwin Rajasurya Anthony, Chai Phing Zhou, Mah Sue Ann, Tham Jun Jie, Shalini Subramaniam, Tan Cheng Yee and researcher Muhammad Zulhassan. The Penang teams comprised Daniel Vincent Chua, Amy Cheah Hsiao Phin, Kuhen Gopal, Chulan Satchithanandhan, Ranjini Suppiah and Soo Xian-Na.

The team which qualified is now perfecting their craft in anticipation of the International Rounds, with the cheering and support of the other ATC teams. The team is working with twice the intensity compared to the preparation for the national rounds, hoping to repeat their near perfect performance and outdoing themselves. ATC wishes the team all the best in Seoul, and it has no doubts that the team will do ATC proud once again in the international mooting arena.