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**NURTURING YOUNG MINDS VIA PHARMANIAGA
BOOK PRIZE AWARD**

KL - Pharmaniaga today celebrated UKM Pharmacy graduates by honouring the best student with a Book Prize Award. The award recipient, (student's name) received a trophy, a certificate and RM1,000 cash from the MD (or COO?) Azhar Hussain (or RA?) of Pharmaniaga at a small ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

The Book Prize Award is part of Pharmaniaga's commitment to work hand-in-hand with higher learning institutions to produce a quality work force for the future. The main objectives of the scheme are to:

- Recognise outstanding academic achievement in the fields of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences;
 - Encourage students to continuously strive for a higher level of academic excellence;
- and
- Provide students with a cash resource to purchase reference books on the related subject

According to Azhar Hussain, "The cash amount may be small from a certain perspective but the scheme is much more than that. We are looking at the award winner in terms of professional recognition, and our aim is to create corporate awareness of our company as a step towards attracting talents that will help grow the Group and achieve its shared mission and vision, all for the benefit of future generations"

The Pharmaniaga UKM Book Prize Award is the first for UKM but the third for Pharmaniaga. Prior to this Pharmaniaga has awarded the UiTM Book Prize Award for two consecutive years beginning 2005.

"We ran a pilot programme of the scheme at UiTM before we open it to other universities", Azhar continued. "For a start, we offer the award to students pursuing the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) only"

Pharmaniaga Berhad is the largest integrated healthcare company in Malaysia. Listed on the Main Board of the Bursa Malaysia, its core activities include manufacturing and R&D of generic pharmaceuticals, logistics & distribution, sales & marketing, supply of medical products & services and hospital equipping Pharmaniaga has also created a niche in healthcare IT solutions, which forms the backbone of its operations.

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ABOUT PHARMANIAGA BERHAD

Pharmaniaga Berhad, a member of the UEM Group, is an investment holding company listed in the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia. The Pharmaniaga Group's core businesses are generic pharmaceuticals manufacturing, research and development, marketing and sales, warehousing and distribution of pharmaceutical and medical products as well as supply, trading and installation of medical and hospital equipment.

With a vision to be the premier Malaysian pharmaceuticals company, Pharmaniaga is guided by its philosophy of 'doing business with a conscience' and empowered by its mission of **enriching life together**.

Already operating in 38 sites across 3 countries (Malaysia, Indonesia & Vietnam) the Pharmaniaga Group is poised to be a regional player in the international pharmaceuticals arena.