

Energizing scientist from Inti

BENJAMIN Franklin discovered electricity while playing with a kite and observing the effect of lightning but most of us need more than a kite". These were the inspiring words of Geeta Selvarajah in her speech at the Malaysia Toray Science Foundation presentation ceremony.

Dr. Geeta Selvarajah from the School of Science and Mathematics (SOSAM), INTI College Malaysia made the college proud when she was recently presented with the coveted Science and Technology Research Grant of RM 20,000 from the Malaysia Toray Science Foundation (MTSF).

She received the grant for her research project entitled *A Genetic Characterization of Jasmine Species Found In Malaysia*.

"The grant by the Malaysian Toray Science Foundation is much needed to engage in science and technology research which generally requires much investment in equipment, facilities,

materials as well as human resource", said Geeta.

Dr. Geeta was one of only 10 recipients most of whom are from local public universities and government research bodies.

INTI is especially honoured over the fact that Dr. Geeta is the first recipient from a private educational institution to receive the annual award, which was presented by YB Datuk Law Hieng Ding, the Minister of Science, Technology, and Environment recently.

The event was attended by Japan Ambassador to Malaysia Masaki Konishi, Tan Sri Khir Johari, Chairman of the Malaysian Toray Science Foundation and Royal Prof Ungku Aziz.

A graduate from Universiti Malaya, Geeta has presented numerous papers on genetic population - Tilapia fish, which is incidentally her area of expertise.

She developed a keen interest in jasmium when she realised the importance of this plant.

"There is much potential in Jasminum species. Jasmine flower oil is used in perfumes and cosmetics.

As a medicinal plant, the different species of jasmine plant has traditionally been used to treat certain illness as well as cancer".

Meanwhile, INTI College and Universiti Malaya emerged winners in the men's and women's category respectively in the Inaugural INTI Overnight Basketball Championship held recently.

Held at Inti's main campus in Bandar Baru Nilai, the 16-hour non-stop event saw the participation of six institutions of higher learning: Universiti Malaya, Multimedia University, Sedaya College, KDU College, Taylor's College and Nilai College.

INTI College emerged as the champion in the men's category while in the women's category, Universiti Malaya's basketball team emerged as the winners.

Chairman of the Malaysian Association of Private



CHAMPIONS...Inti college emerged champions in the men's category of the 16-hour non-stop basketball championship recently.

Colleges Sports Committee (MAPCO), Dr Lee Fah Onn said he hoped more private institutions and public universities would take part in future sports events.

Lim Boon Hooi Sports

Officer at INTI praised all the players who took part for their strong determination and discipline in being able to stay up overnight in the first non-stop basketball championship.