

21 OCT 15 - RICE BOWLS AND FLEXIBLE GLASS : ASEAN AWARDS



HIR congratulates Professor Dr. Faisal Rafiq Mahmd Adikan and Dr. Ghafour Amouzad Mahdiraji, Flexilicate (Malaysia), for being selected as one of the 30 finalists in the Rice Bowl Startup Awards 2015. This was announced on 16 October 2015, reflecting the innovation and excellence of startups across Southeast Asia.



According to Ashran Dato' Ghazi, Chairman of New Entrepreneurs Foundation, 376 entries were submitted from nine countries across Southeast Asia and the panel of 35 judges had a tough time evaluating and shortlisting the finalists. All finalists are automatically in the running for the Golden Rice Bowl Awards, and the winners will be announced during the gala event closing the 1 ASEAN Entrepreneurship Summit on 22 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur.

Flexilicate Sdn. Bhd. - one of UM startups - was chosen to be one of the three finalists for Best Asean University Startup 2015 Awards from a pool of more than 50 startups from across the region. Formed only in June this year by Professor Dr. Faisal Rafiq Mahamd Adikan and Dr. Ghafour Amouzad Mahdiraji, Flexilicate - which means flexible glass - builds on research outcomes from the High Impact Research, (HIR) grant to commercialise optical fibre fabrication services. It also holds patents on optical fibre based dosimeters and is currently working on commercialising its point-of-care dengue detection chips. The company received seed funding from UM technopreneur programme via UM Capital Berhad.

