

UGM Team Won Best Memorial Award in IHL MCC Competition

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Another international achievement has been made by an International Moot Court Competition (MCC) team from Faculty of Law UGM which won two awards, *The Best Memorial Award* (substance) and *The Best Mooter Award* for Rizky Wirastomo in the The 9th International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition Asia Pacific Region (IHL MCC). The competition was held in Hongkong from 2-6 March 2011.

The team of MCC FH UGM with members Fajri Matahati Muhamadin (first mooter), Rizky Wirastomo (second mooter), Utama Yudhistira (researcher), Dandi Andila Hamid (scout) and coach Heribertus Jaka Triyana, S.H., LL.M., M.A. was the only Indonesian team at the IHL MMC.

Previously, they had competed with 16 other teams in Indonesia. They finally beat the University of Indonesia at the final and entitled to represent Indonesia at the IHL MCC Asia Pasifik.

IHL MCC is an annual competition held by International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Hong Kong Red Cross, Hongkong University, City University of Hongkong, Chinese University of Hongkong and Mallesons, Stephen and Jaques Law Firm. This team it brought together 20 teams from 20 universities in Asia Pasific region. It aims to disseminate International Humanitarian Law among the wider public adopting moot court format. The first winner was the team from Victoria Universty of Wellington, followed by Hidayatullah National Law University in second place.

Rizky Wirastomo said that he acted as defense lawyer in the competition, acting against prosecutors in Pre Trial Chamber (PTC) in The International Criminal Court (ICC). "The team has to prove that prosecutor's charges on the suspect have no sufficient evidence which showed that there has been violations to the war crime committed by the suspect," he said on Wednesday (9/3).

Although not gaining the first winner, Rizky was happy to win two awards in the prestigious competition. “We hope that following this award, there will be many more achievements at the international level. In addition, we hope that the learning tradition focusing on student centered-learning in moot and mock context can be more developed as learning media at UGM,” he concluded.

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