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INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE CIRCLE — i-SMART Group Paves the Way

SMART ICC group was established in January 2008. Since then it has presented 2 projects in a few ICC competitions. Its first project, “MICCA bookdrop”, improvised on the manual bookdrop by adding additional features such as a conveyor belt, adjustable platform height, etc. to minimize the probability of books being damaged when returned via the bookdrop. The project was presented in the 1st Library ICC Competition 2008 in Sarawak where it won the 3rd prize. Subsequently, the same project was presented in the MPC Mini Convention, Central Region and received the Gold award category.

In 2009, SMART which was then named i-SMART, developed its 2nd project the “SIDDQ Smart Directory”. This in-house developed solution comprises of two modules which facilitate library users to identify the shelf number and the exact shelf location of a book that they are looking for. It is a time-saving solution on the part of the user as well as the librarian at the Information Desk. i-SMART with its ten members represented the University with this project in the 6th ICC Convention, IPTA level at USM, Kullang Kerian campus on 17-19 February 2010 where thirty-two ICC groups participated. i-SMART did not win any prize but from our observation and feedback from the audience, while acknowledging that there is always room for improvement, our documentation and presentation are on par with the other experienced ICC groups. During the University’s recent Quality Day, i-SMART was presented with the Best Innovative and Creative Idea Award.

Participation in ICC provides a platform for staff, both professional and support to contribute towards providing solutions to problems or innovations at their respective work places. Through the preparation of the required documents for their projects, staff are exposed to a variety of management tools/methods in presenting their solutions. By taking part in competitions, staff improve their self-confidence, public speaking and project presentation skills and of course develop and strengthen their team spirit.

Encouragement and incentives from the University authorities are essential to help sustain staff interest and commitment in ICC groups. Recognition and winning competitions serve as value-added factors as the number of prizes offered are very limited. Understanding and cooperation from supervisors and colleagues are also important factors in ensuring the success of projects championed by ICC groups.

Despite all the challenges, i-SMART aims to strive harder in paving the way towards providing useful solutions/innovations via ICC.

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