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2 Malaysian female researchers awarded ASEAN-US Science Awards

KUALA LUMPUR (July 29): Two Malaysian women have won the 8th Underwriters Laboratories-ASEAN-US Women in Science Awards 2022, successfully propelling Malaysia to the international stage.

The two women are Sok Ching Cheong, Deputy Chief Scientific Officer of Cancer Research Malaysia, and Dr Maxine Tan, Senior Lecturer and Research Fellow at Monash University Malaysia.

Zhang Suqing won the Senior Scientist Award for her research and development of the remote consultation tool "Mobile Oral Health Screening Program" (MeMoSA). MeMoSA is an artificial intelligence (AI) digital health platform for early detection of oral cancer.

In addition, Dr. Maxine Chen, who won the Mid-Career Scientist Award for her research in medical imaging and artificial intelligence, developed the first short-term risk assessment model for breast cancer based on mammographic, clinical, and demographic characteristics.

In this regard, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Seri Aham Baba issued a statement today praising the above two women who won the award, and described the two winners as having reached a higher level in scientific research.

"It is hoped that their success will inspire national institutes and researchers, especially female scientists, to continue contributing to more high-quality research in science, technology and innovation."

The theme of the 2022 8th Underwriters Laboratories-ASEAN-American Women in Science Awards is Population Intelligence Health and Safety is a collaborative project of the ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Council, the United States Nationality Development Agency and Underwriters Laboratories.