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No-Code Excellence: Team Achieves 2nd Runner-Up at MOHE Gemini Hackathon

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Gemini No-Code Hackathon 2025

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In a demonstration of how innovation is rapidly evolving, a Universiti Malaya (UM) team secured the prestigious **2nd Runner-Up** position at the "**Unleash No-Code Creativity**" Hackathon on October 21st. This event, powered by Google Workspace and Gemini, showcased the potential of non-traditional development methods to solve complex problems.

The hackathon challenged participants to develop a fully functional application prototype using the **AppSheet** no-code platform, with a mandate to focus on enhancing student experiences.

Bridging the Gap with "UM Ignite"

Despite entering the competition with no prior experience in Google AppSheet, the team showed remarkable adaptability and resourcefulness. With the essential guidance of advisor Dr Firdaus Sahran, they successfully conceptualized and developed their final product: "**UM Ignite.**"

"UM Ignite" is an innovative, no-code application specifically designed to address a pressing, real-world challenge within Universiti Malaya.



Pitching of UM-Ignite

A Highly Competitive Field

The intensity of the competition was evident, drawing participation from **over 100 talented teams**. Earning a spot among the **Top 10 Finalists** and presenting their solution to the judges on the final day was an exceptional achievement.



Achievement of 2nd-runner up

The success of the team underscores the significant role of mentorship and collaboration in driving student innovation. The team extends its gratitude to the organizers, their dedicated advisor, and the valuable opportunity to connect with industry figures, whose insights were a major highlight of the experience.

This achievement reinforces the growing significance of the no-code movement, which is effectively democratizing innovation and equipping students with powerful tools to translate complex challenges into accessible, automated solutions.



Official announcement poster

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/zD1tORfnZPE?si=i2xn-yYxE8sJO3g>

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