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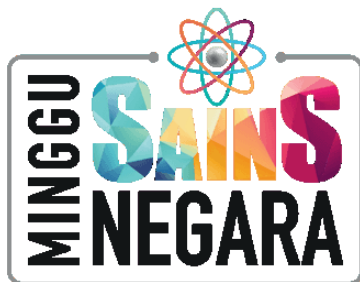


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Open and Distance

Learning (ODL). While the word may not resonate much with people who are working, students might be rolling their eyes seeing this because it simply reminds them of the endless hours of **online classes** and teachers asking if you're present. And it's only typical to feel really, **REALLY worn out** after every class.

But, hey. Learning doesn't ALWAYS have to be 🤔 boring 🤔. In fact, we heard that the **Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation** (MOSTI) is organising some fun online activities for the **Minggu Sains Negara!**



Happening from the **1st to 7th April 2021**, MOSTI aims to **instill the**



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educators, youth,
communities, NGOs,
people from public or
private sectors... well,
basically EVERYONE
reading this la, ok?

And as we mentioned
earlier, there are a LOT of
activities for you to check
out like...

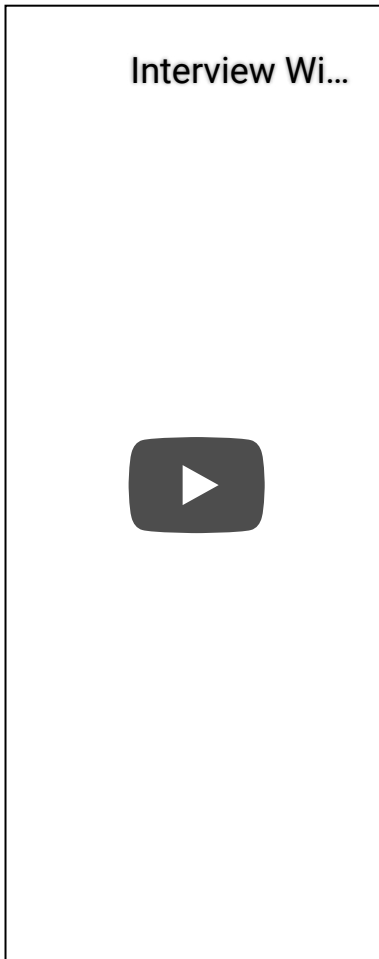
1. The Humanoid Robot Competition where you can win up to RM5,000!

One of the most intriguing
activities at Minggu Sains
Negara is the **Humanoid
Robot Competition**. If
you're thinking of **Sophia
the robot** when you see
the word humanoid, then
you probably can guess
what the competition is all
about.

However, for those who
don't, humanoid robots
are **basically** robots that
could **imitate the
movements of human**



video below to see how Sophia, for instance, interact.



But, don't worry. MOSTI is not expecting y'all to create another Sophia for the Humanoid Robot Competition. Instead, MOSTI would be **looking** at the **functionality of the robot** that you build.

The robot that you build **should not be bigger than 60cm** and should be able to **pass four**



transporting items

- A penalty kick
- Free movement



If you're keen to participate in this competition, you can start **building your robots** but be sure to also **write a report** on it besides **filming your project** according to the competition's terms and regulations. Interestingly, you stand a chance of **winning up to RM5,000** when you participate in this competition. You can learn more about it [here](#) and register to be a participant [here](#). Hurry, though, because the **competition ends on 6th April 2021!**

However, if you're not the



Low Touch High Impact (LOTHI) competition.

The main aim of LOTHI is to identify **innovations** or **designs** that can **benefit society**, especially those who are living in **rural areas** or the **disabled community**.



MOSTI also aims to recognise inventions and their creators in Malaysia through this competition. This competition is open for primary up to university students, so don't forget to register [here!](#)

2. Spark X where you can enhance your technical and marketing skills

If you're between the age of 18 and 25, MOSTI has

- Basics of **Design Thinking**
- Basics of **Website Building**
- Basics of **Digital Marketing with Social Media**



In this program, participants will be **divided into groups of three to discuss an idea, build a social media and website besides planning on marketing strategies before pitching those ideas** to a panel of judges. The judges would then pick the most interesting idea and the winning team would stand a chance to bring home various exciting prizes!



because these are **some important skills** required and are **commonly looked for by employers** in various jobs. And MOSTI is using this program as a platform to equip participants with these skills so that **participants will be more employable** in the future.

Having said that, if you're looking to grab this golden opportunity, you can chup a spot in this program by registering [here](#). Psstt! Y'all better hurry ah because the program is only **limited to 36 participants** only! And it's **FREE**.

3. Superhero Magic Junior for kids who love experiments!

Do you have kids who love to experiment on almost anything you have at home? Well, MOSTI, in collaboration with the [Department of Chemistry Malaysia](#), now has a solution just for you. 🧪





2021 from 2pm to 4pm.

Don't forget to register

[here!](#)



Slots are limited so hurry, ok?!

There are **live science shows** at Superhero Magic Junior program that won't only let your kids learn science but teach them how to **try out the experiments safely at home** too!

Aside from that, there are other interesting activities like colouring, making TikTok videos with the theme of science for health, a Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) program, Rainforest Kids Challenge, and many more!

Oh, how can we forget the





to build a rocket! This program features **Khawarizmi**, Malaysia's youngest Rocketeer who's only 11 years old.

If you're interested in this program, you can register [here!](#)

A 10 Years O...





cover this yet, the theme for this year's Minggu Sains Negara is **Science for Health**, and MOSTI prepared a lot of activities related to this theme like Chemistry as The Saviour of Mankind, Women in Science, and many more!

But with the current pandemic, one activity that caught our attention is the **Pre-Clinical Study of Vaccine Production**. That's because, if you're curious cats like us, you would also be wondering how vaccines are made, right?



Aside from what's listed in the poster, there are **various other health seminars and forums** like the Health in the Tropics seminar.



to the public all week long!

If you're just looking for things to do for the week, MOSTI gotcha back too. There are **various exhibitions** that you can check out for the week like the Petrosains booth or the nuclear exhibition by the Malaysian Nuclear Agency.

There are plenty of other things that you can do throughout the week too and you can check them out here:



6. Giveaways that are worth

you're not as innovative or creative to participate in any of the aforementioned competitions, don't worry. MOSTI has something for y'all – **giveaways!**

The first giveaway is particularly for **school students**. Any school that participates in this giveaway **with the most entries** will stand a chance to win **educational kits and STEM equipment worth up to RM280,000!** There are four categories for this giveaway – boarding schools, Gred A schools, Sekolah Aliran Agama, and Sekolah Kurang Murid.



Not a school student? No problemo. You can just register for the general giveaway to win **education kits and STEM equipment worth RM100!**



So, watchu waiting for? Join NOW!

Seeing as to how the Minggu Sains Negara is **conducted ONLINE this year**, everybody can simply take part in this event! If you're curious to know more about the programs available at Minggu Sains Negara, you can just check them out or, better yet, register [here](#).



Or click this image to register.

And if you wanna check out **Minggu Sains Negara's full schedule**, you can do so at www.mosti.gov.my or click the images below.



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Day 7





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JOHOR MUFTI ALLOW A MALAY TRANS- WOMAN TO MARRY THE LOVE OF HER LIFE



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If you were to look at
recent news coverage





Asexual/Ally (**LGBTQIA**)

community, you'll likely get the impression that Malaysia **may not** be a very welcoming place.

However, there was one piece of news 46 years ago that was a little different.

Between 1974 to 1975, there was a transgender woman who made it to the front page of the news. Her name was **Sari Katrina binti Abdul Karim** and she **made headlines** after being **allowed to marry the love of her life** (a man, just to clarify) by the **Johor deputy mufti** (aka the **religious legal expert**)!

But not just that...

Kartina is the FIRST Malay to undergo a sex reassignment surgery

Note: A bulk of information in this article are based on





Sari Katrina was originally born as Mohd Fauzi bin Abdul Karim in Jalan Padang tiga, Stulang Baru, Johor. According to her sister, Sarah, Kartina has always been more feminine ever since she was younger.

*“When she turned 13, her behaviour changed. She didn’t want to mix around with boys anymore, not even her own brothers.” – Sarah, as quoted from **Newspaper SG**. Translated from BM.*



Sari Kartina. Img from
@EllinLareina Twitter

Being uncomfortable
around boys also ended
up **affecting her
studies** – Katrina dropped
outta Institut Teknologi
Mara (now known as
UiTM) because the male
students there made her
feel uncomfortable.

*“I had to leave
ITM after two
years of studying
there as I was
uncomfortable
being around the
male students
there.” – Kartina,
as quoted from
Newspaper SG.*



teacher at an
entertainment agency. She
worked there for two years
before flying to **Singapore**
where she became a hotel
receptionist.

Throughout her journey,
Kartina was pretty much a
man dressed in woman's
clothes but she said
NOBODY noticed it.

*“When I was in
Indonesia and
Singapore, none
of my friends
suspected I was a
man at that time.”
– Kartina, as
quoted from
Newspaper SG.*

It was also around this
time when Kartina met a
businessman, Abdul
Razak Othman at a
nightclub in Singapore,
and they both fell in love.
Abdul Razak, who owns a
canteen at an office at
Anson Centre, was a
widower (although some
news reports state he's a
divorcee) with a child.



Sari Kartina and Abdul Razak.
Img from @EllinLareina Twitter

After being with Abdul Razak for quite some time, Kartina **expressed her intentions to undergo sex reassignment surgery** – now referred to as **Gender Affirming Procedures**. Just to let y'all know, Abdul Razak was the first person to know about her intentions (nope, not even her family knew about it then!) and he was actually **very supportive** of her.

So, on the 24th of October 1974, Kartina started the first of **6 months worth of surgeries and treatments** at the Kandang Kerbau Hospital in Singapore. After



family was very
accepting of her.

*"I'm thankful to
Allah for
everything that
has happened,
especially when
my family was
able to accept me
as a woman." –
Kartina, as
quoted by
Newspaper SG.*

However, it wasn't all
rainbows and sunshine
after that because...

**Kartina had to
swear on God's
name that she
wasn't forced
to be a woman**



Img from Newspaper SG





she **decided to get married** to Abdul Razak. As you may have already known, being **transgender** is difficult enough in Malaysia, so it's a no-brainer that **getting married** as one is even harder.

Her family seemed like they were supportive of her decision. In fact, her father, Abdul Karim Anang was willing to marry her off to Abdul Razak. However, the conflict arose when **Abdul Razak's family was somewhat reluctant about it.** Although one of Abdul Razak's siblings mentioned that he "brought a girl to meet the family," his family was shocked to learn that he was keen to marry Kartina.

This was why Kartina **brought the matter to Deputy Mufti's office** in Johor Bharu. She even brought along several documentations, including her declaration letter from the Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Surgery, University of Singapore. Dr. C. C.



Datuk Syed Alwee. Img from
Persatuan Bangsa Johor
Facebook

In the declaration letter,
she wrote...

*"I hereby swear
on Allah's name
that I am not
being coerced by
anyone, at this
time I have
become a woman
and my desires
are towards
men." – Excerpt
from **Newspaper**
SG.*

Upon seeing the
documentations and
conflict at hand, Datuk
Syed Alwee sat with a few
other religious leaders to
discuss the issue. It took
them three hours before
deciding to **allow Kartina
and Abdul Razak to get
married.**



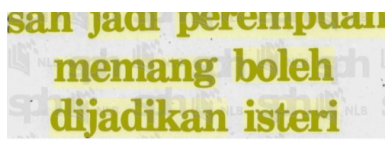
wasn't able to get pregnant at that time. So, they adopted a child instead.

"I really wanted to get pregnant but I was told that it's impossible. If I really wanted to, I will have to undergo another operation in America." – Kartina, as quoted from Newspaper SG.

Kartina also wanted to **get back to work** after getting married but she wasn't able to do so either because most of her documentations – the ones from school, especially – all had **her previous name**.

But wait. Why did Johor's Deputy Mufti decide to allow Kartina to get married?

The Deputy Mufti said that



The Deputy Mufti's statement.
Img from Newspaper SG

According to Datuk Syed Alwee, he was **convinced** that **Kartina was a real woman** when she applied to get married, adding that the **decision was made based on science and medicine**.

“Only those who don’t believe in science won’t believe what happened to Kartina.” – Datuk Syed Alwee Abdullah, as quoted by Newspaper SG. Translated from BM.

He also **opined** that there are **several factors for a person to change their gender** if it is allowed to be done in the first place; and once a person has legally become a woman, there’s no reason to stop her from getting married to



typical male or female definitions – persons. **If a person was born intersex (Khunsa), they're allowed to undergo procedures to live a normal life.** Of course, this falls into a much deeper conversation into Islamic belief than we can cover, but you can read more about it [here](#) and [here](#).

Although there's **no proof or indication** (that we could find, anyway) **that Sari Kartina was born Intersex**, it's noteworthy that there were people who were skeptical of the whole issue like the [then-](#) Mufti of Singapore, Syed Isa Semait, who didn't wanna give his statement on the matter because he believed that Dr. S S Ratnam would know better.

"I believe the issue should be reviewed more closely before making any decision." – Syed Isa, as quoted by [Newspaper.SG](#)



note on the story and,
while there's no news on
what happened to Sari
Kartina in later years, we'd
like to imagine she went
on to live a happily
married life.



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