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Deputy Secretary General (Culture and STI Services) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti) Dr K. Nagulendran said this when met by reporters after its closing ceremony at University of Technology Sarawak (UTS) here yesterday.

A total of 1,028,983 Malaysians between the ages of seven and 30 have registered to participate in the various competitions and sharing sessions since the programme was launched last March by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, he said.

The initiative targets one million entries from students and 2,000 STI (Science, Technology and Innovation) ideas that have the potential to be commercialised," he disclosed.

Malaysia Techlympics 2022 is implemented by the Malaysian Research Accelerator for Technology & Innovation agency under Mosti and is also supported by other government ministries and agencies, he noted.

"It aims to stimulate national science, technology and innovation activities through experiential learning to complement the non-formal learning of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) among participants," he said.

With its theme 'Connecting, Competing, Successful', the Malaysia Techlympics has been designed to be inclusive so that more target groups will have the opportunity to be involved in

producing innovative products using informal approaches or 'experiential learning', Nagulendran noted.

"This initiative is also part of Mosti's efforts to ensure that more Malaysians, especially students and youth, to make the field of STEM as their future career choice," he said.

A total of 25 competitions under five main categories had been carried out to attract the interest of various levels of students at Malaysia Techlympics.

The competitions focused on fields involving engineering; computing and micro-computers; nanotechnology; Internet of Things (IoT); robotics; drones; Science; Mathematics; creative design and animation and also 3D printing.

"Techlympians who are successful at the zone level will advance to compete at the state level and thereafter to the national level which is to be held at the Axiata Arena, Bukit Jalil this Nov 12 to 13," he said.

Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Dr Annuar Rapae officiated at the closing ceremony of the event.

Also present were Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development Datu Kamei Affandi; Mosti Planning and Science Cultivation Division Secretary Nik Kamaruddin Nik Husin; Sarawak Education Department deputy director Dr Les Met; and SibU Education Officer Ahli Chikba.

For more information on Malaysia Techlympics 2022, visit the official website at www.techlympics.my.



(From left) Nagulendran and Dr Annuar with two young winners of Malaysia Techlympics East Malaysia Zone Stage.



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