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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysia Techlympics 2022 succeeded in attracting the participation of 1.03 million students and youths aged seven and 30 during the nine-month period of the competition.

The competition – based on an inclusive, informal and interactive approach to learning Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) – also provided exposure to 150 children with special needs from eight schools and 545 indigenous children through the Inclusion Outreach tour programme conducted in 66 locations all over the z country.

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The Malaysia Techlympics
2022 is implemented by the
Ministry of Science, Technology
and Innovation's (Mosti) agency

Malaysian Research Accelerator for Technology and Innovation (MRANTI), with the support of the Ministry of Education Malaysia, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Rural Development, and the respective state governments.

Mosti secretary-general Datuk Dr Aminuddin Hassim at the closing ceremony of the Malaysia Techlympics 2022 National Finals on Sunday said that innovation and creativity have become the drivers of wealth of many countries in the 21st century.

He said this means the measure of a country's greatness in this era of technology is based on its ability to cultivate STI and fuel the spirit of thirst for invention.

He also said that the special

thing about the Malaysia Techlympics is that this programme also introduces an element of entrepreneurship which is expected to support young innovators and inventors to take steps in developing their ideas.

"With the theme 'Connect, Compete, Succeed', this Mosti flagship programme aims to foster the interest of the young generation in STI through a more enjoyable approach.

"Therefore, this approach can inculcate the youth with the mindset, skill set and action to produce high-impact innovations and produce the future generation of problem solvers and techno-entrepreneurs," he said.

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A young student is seen rejoicing with his teammates after winning a competition, as Aminuddin (centre) celebrates with a member of the team.



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He added that Malaysia Techlympics 2022 is also to attract more students and youth to make the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) or STI as a future career choice.

He explained the participation are in groups and each competition organised is based on problem solving where the participants will generate innovative ideas based on a set theme.

Amiruddin also said a total 32 competitions under five main themes have been organised which focus on fields involving Science, Engineering, Computing and Micro-Computers; Internet of Things (IoT): Robotics; Drones,; Mathematics; Creative Design and Animation and Printing; and Three Dimensional Development (3D).

Penang claimed the overall winner's title by bringing home seven gold medals, seven silver medals and two bronze medals.

Also presented were the National Young Scientist Award (Physical Science) to Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) researcher Dr Ang Wei Lun, and 2022 National Science Technician Award to Siti Hajar Bilal from the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)

Both of them brought home a cash prize of RM10,000, certificate and trophy

each

The National Young Scientist Award is a recognition of the achievements of young scientists in research and development (R&D) of science and technology (S&T), while the National Technician (Science) Award recognises outstanding achievements by Science and Technology Technicians (Technicians or Laboratory Assistants) as well as semi-professional staff related to S&T.

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



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