

Selangor teams to battle it out

THE seventh leg of the RHB-The Star Mighty Minds Challenge 2015 will be held at the Jaya Shopping Centre in Petaling Jaya on May 16.



Jointly organised by Star Publications (M) Bhd and RHB Banking Group, the competition challenges students on their knowledge of current events and the ability to build an innovative model based on a theme. It helps if they have oratory skills and a good dose of creativity.

The competition is for both lower secondary and upper secondary school students.

There are four categories in the state challenge – multiple choice questions, hands-on challenge, oral presentation skills and buzz-er quiz.

The hands-on challenge is where teams design a model based on a given theme, which will be posted in the *StarEducate* pullout of The Sunday Star (see below) and on the RHB-The Star Mighty Minds microsite (www.thestar.com.my/mightyminds).

The champions of the state challenge in both categories will then represent their respective states in the National Challenge to be held in the Klang Valley.

Hands-on challenge

TEAMS (comprising three students each) will be given one hour to build an original, innovative model in response to the themes below.

The themes may be interpreted-

ed literally or figuratively, but should be aimed at resolving a problem in our society. The best models will offer a positive impact either on an identified customer or on the environment.

Since your team is required to explain your model to the judges, be proactive and brush up on your oral presentation skills as well.

On the day of the competition, only the top 10 teams for each category in the Multiple Choice Question Challenge will be eligible to take part in the hour-long hands-on challenge.

It takes effort, talent and passion to win but preparation is just as important.

On completion of the hands-on challenge, teams will be given three minutes to present their model to the panel of judges. Speaking in turns, team members will have one minute each.

The models will be judged based on the following:

- * Understanding of the theme and how it impacts society;
- * The potential benefits of the model and its marketability;
- * The creative features of the model.

Teams will also be judged on the delivery style and language of the oral presentation.



Accuracy and focus: Participants are required to build their models within an hour. – File photo

Lower Secondary

Theme: Cool Runners – Creating safe microclimates to allow Malaysians to swap the gym for the great outdoors.

Upper Secondary

Theme: Expiration Date – Socially responsible waste management for Selangor's iconic hawker sites.

Participants in both the Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary categories will be provided with a standard tool kit for each hands-on challenge.

You will be provided with a standard tool kit containing the following:

Two pairs of scissors, 1 pen knife, 1 tube of superglue, 1 tube of common glue, 1 roll of masking tape, 1 roll of cellophane tape, 1 roll of double-sided tape, 1 long ruler, 1 screwdriver and 3 pairs of gloves.

In addition, you will be provided with simple, disposal materials that you may use to construct your model.

Be prepared to be innovative and think on your feet when creating your model as some of the

items may need to be substituted.

The materials you may be provided with include:

Mounting board (50cm x 38cm), coloured paper (36cm x 36cm), elastic bands, popsicle sticks, empty mineral water bottle (500ml), small plastic containers with lids, square of fabric, piece of netting, paper clips, short length of string, silver paper, straws, compact disc, beads, marbles and balloon.

** You will not be allowed to bring in any material or tools of your own.*

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This year's Penang state challenge will be held at the Penang Times Square in Penang on May 9.

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Theme: I am a Rock – Transforming Penang into a self-sustainable city.

Upper Secondary

Theme: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – Strategies for conserving Penang's unique cultural heritage.

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Goings-on



Books galore: Nothing beats a good read and these students are spoilt for choice as they select books at the recent Kelantan Book Festival in Kota Baru. – Bernama.

Teacher tribute

TEACHERS Day is just a month away and we are looking for the heroes of education.

Be it a teacher who makes you love to learn, a lecturer who has left an impression on you, or someone who has greatly influenced your life's journey, share your story – happy, sad, funny or inspiring – with us. Even if you've left your school or college days behind!

Please do provide pictures, if you have any and send in the person's full name, age, school/institution and contact details as well as your own to educate@thestar.com.my. All entries must be in by May 12.

