

Get set for the Penang challenge

The competition will see teams from the island and mainland battling it out in the Mighty Minds circuit.

THE sixth leg of the RHB-The Star Mighty Minds Challenge 2015 will be held at the Penang Times Square on May 9.

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.

There are two categories - with the first comprising secondary school students in Forms One, Two and Three while the second is for those in Forms Four and Five.

In the state challenge, there are four categories - multiple choice questions, hands-on challenge, oral presentation skills and buzzer 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 and on the RHB-The Star Mighty Minds microsite (www.thestar.com.my/mighty-minds).

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 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.

The theme will be published in StarEducate on Sundays and the RHB-The Star Mighty Minds microsite (www.thestar.com.my/mighty-minds).

This will enable you to read and research so that you will be inspired and ready for the hands-on challenge.

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



Tough one: Secondary school students figuring out the correct answer to the multiple choice questions that appear on a giant screen during the Penang challenge last year.

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 speak for 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.

Lower Secondary

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.

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

You will be provided with the 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 permitted to bring your own materials or tools.

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