

RHB–The Star Mighty Minds National Challenge 2011

KUALA LUMPUR - **RHB–The Star Mighty Minds National Challenge 2011** ended on a high note at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), Kuala Lumpur here today.

The Grand Finals was graced by Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). Also present were Mr. Kellee Kam, Managing Director of RHB Capital Berhad and Mr. Ho Kay Tat, Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Star Publications (M) Berhad.

The preliminary rounds of the Mighty Minds National Challenge competition kicked off on 2nd April 2011 where a total of 1,654 teams from various states throughout Malaysia participated. Today, the State Champions comprising 14 teams in the lower and upper secondary categories competed to vie for the coveted title. Into its third year, the competition showcased and tested students' skills, knowledge and their ability to put theory into practice.

The **Mighty Minds Grand Finals** was a two-day event in which all 14 state qualifying teams competed in the quiz rounds and hands-on challenge in their respective categories (primary and secondary). The best five teams, based on the highest score (in both quizzes and hands-on challenge), were selected for a 5-minute presentation in the hands-on challenge.

The qualifying schools in the **Grand Finals**:

State	Lower Secondary	Upper Secondary
Melaka	Kolej Yayasan Saad	SMK St Francis
Kuala Lumpur	SMK (L) Methodist	Sri Cempaka School
Negeri Sembilan	SMK Bukit Mewah	SMK King George V
Terengganu	SM Sains Sultan Mahmud	SMK Sultan Ismail II
Pahang	SMK Sultan Abu Bakar	SMK Abdul Rahman Talib
Perlis	SM Agama Al-Islahmiah (MATRI)	MRSM Beseri
Johor	Maktab Sultan Abu Bakar	Maktab Sultan Abu Bakar
Kelantan	Maktab Sultan Ismail	MRSM Pengkalan Chepa
Perak	SMk Methodist Tg Malim	The Malay College Kuala Kangsar
Kedah	SMJK Sin Min	SM Sains Sultan Mohamad Jiwa
Penang	SMK Penang Free	SMJK Chung Ling
Selangor	SMK Damansara Jaya	SMK Damansara Jaya
Sabah	SMK SM Sains Sabah	SMK SM Sains Sabah
Sarawak	Kolej DPAH Abdillah Kuchin	SMK Jalan Arang

The judges for the grand finals today were Dato' Aлегesаn Arumugam, a consultant from Creative Education Intellect and contributor of *StarEduсate*, Associate Professor Dr Cheah Yoke Kqueen from Universiti Putra Malaysia and Professor Dr. Masuri bin Othman from the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

Winners stand to win the following:-

- 1st Prize : RM10, 000 cash per Team
- 2nd Prize : RM5,000 cash per Team
- 3rd Prize : RM4,000 cash per Team
- 4th Prize : RM3,000 cash per Team
- 5th Prize : RM1,500 cash per Team
- 6th – 14th Prizes : Book Voucher worth RM100 for each contestant

The top three (3) schools in each category also received plaques.



The winners with their teachers and RHB Capital Berhad, Managing Director Mr Kellee Kam (second from right), The Star, Group Managing Director and CEO Mr Ho Kay Tat (third from right) and Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation MOSTI, (fifth from right).

Brief on Mighty Minds National Challenge

The first Mighty Minds challenge in 2011 took place in Malacca on 2nd April. The competition continued over several months in various states in Peninsula Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak, until July 2011. This year, overwhelming response was received in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur, where the competition saw an increase of 23% and 22% in participation respectively. In total, 807 teams participated in the lower secondary category (F123), while 847 teams took part in the upper secondary category (F4F5) in the state challenges.

Previous competition winners include:

2010 - Lower secondary: Penang Chinese Girls High School (Penang) – 1st Prize

SMJK Keat Hwa (Kedah) – 2nd Prize

Kolej Yayasan Saad (Malacca) – 3rd Prize

- Upper secondary: Chong Hwa Independent High School (Kuala Lumpur) – 1st Prize

SM Lodge (Sarawak) – 2nd Prize

SMK Taman Melawati (Selangor) – 3rd Prize



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2009 - Lower secondary: Chung Ling High School (Penang) – 1st Prize

Maktab Sultan Abu Bakar (Johor) – 2nd Prize

Kolej Yayasan Saad (Malacca) – 3rd Prize

- Upper secondary: SMK Bukit Jambul (Penang) – 1st Prize

SMK Keat Hwa (Kedah) – 2nd Prize

SMK Methodist (Kuala Lumpur) – 3rd Prize

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