

**Launch of RHB–The Star Mighty Minds National Challenge 2013**

**Negeri Sembilan** – The RHB–The Star Mighty Minds National Challenge 2013 competition kicked off today with the state level competition in Seremban.

The competition, held in Seremban Parade, was attended by Kellee Kam Chee Khiong, Group Managing Director of RHB Banking Group and Calvin Kan, Group Business Director/COO, Print of The Star.

Approximately 240 teams from both lower and upper secondary schools will be competing for the State Championship Title and to make it to the Grand Finals.

Held for the fifth consecutive year, the competition aims to tests and hone students' skills and knowledge, in relation to current events, general knowledge as well as application of science and mathematics principles through a series of challenges.

The competition is made up of three different challenges:

- **First Challenge:**
  - Teams in each category are to answer 20 multiple choice questions based on Current Events and General Knowledge through an interactive device.
  - The top 10 teams from each category will advance to the Second Challenge.
- **Second Challenge:**
  - Teams are required to build an innovative model in an hour using Science and Mathematics principles, the model should offer a creative solution for the problem which was shared with the participants two weeks prior to each state challenge. All teams then need to give a 3-minute 'Oral Presentation' on their model to the judges.
  - Top 5 teams in each category will move on to the Third Challenge.
- **Third Challenge:**
  - The finalists will take part in a buzzer quiz where they will have to answer open-ended questions based on Current Events and General Knowledge using the speed quiz buzzer system.

The competition is open to all secondary school students from government and private schools adhering to the Malaysian syllabus.

Participating students are divided into two categories; Forms 1, 2 and 3 in the Lower Secondary category, and Forms 4 and 5 in the Upper Secondary category. Each school can send up to three teams per category.

All contestants will receive Certificates of Participation and winners from each category stand to win the following cash prizes:

1st Prize : RM 5,000 cash per team

2nd Prize : RM 2,000 cash per team



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3rd Prize : RM 1,000 cash per team

4th Prize : RM 500 cash per team

5th Prize : RM 300 cash per team

The top 3 schools from each category will win the following:

1st Prize : Prize in kind worth RM2,000

2nd Prize : Prize in kind worth RM1,000

3rd Prize : Prize in kind worth RM750

The other State Challenges have been scheduled to take place between March and August this year:

9 March	Dataran Pahlawan Melaka Megamall, Malacca
16 March	Suria Sabah Shopping Mall, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
6 April	Paradigm Mall, Petaling Jaya, Selangor
13 April	Berjaya Megamall, Kuantan, Pahang
20 April	Alor Setar Mall, Kedah
27 April	Bahagian Teknologi Pendidikan Kelantan, Kota Bahru, Kelantan
4 May	The Spring, Kuching, Sarawak
11 May	Berjaya Times Square, Kuala Lumpur
15 June	1st Avenue, Penang
22 June	Plaza Pelangi, Johor Bahru, Johor
29 June	Stadium Negeri, Kuala Terengganu
6 July	Dewan Politeknik Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, Arau, Perlis
24 August	Ipoh, Perak

The champion in each category will represent the state in the two-day National Grand Finals, to be held in the Klang Valley on 12 & 13 October 2013.

The **RHB-The Star Mighty Minds National Challenge 2013** is jointly organised by RHB Banking Group and The Star. For more information, please log on to <http://thestar.com.my/mightyminds/>



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