

TAR University College In the Limelight

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Maths, science quiz for those below 18

TUNKU Abdul Rahman University College is organising the third edition of its annual Mathematics and Science Quiz on May 20, with the quiz running concurrently at its Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Perak, Johor, and Sabah campuses.

Building on the success of the first two quizzes held at the Kuala Lumpur Main Campus, this year's quiz is expanding its reach to allow more students from across the country to take part and prove their mettle.

With the branch campuses on board and against the backdrop of the 60th Merdeka celebrations, the quiz has been named the National M@S Merdeka Challenge 2017.

Since its inception in 2015 with 116 participants from 17 Klang Valley and Seremban schools, the maths and science quiz has continued to be well received, as seen by the increased participation every year.

The quiz is part of the institution's plan to stimulate interest in the Science, Technology, Engineering,

and Mathematics (STEM) fields among secondary school students, and to support the STEM initiative in the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025.

This year's competition will have two categories; namely the Team category and Individual category, where all participants must be below 18 years old.

Each team in the Team category must consist of four students. The Individual category is introduced this year to enable students who are unable to form a team in their schools to participate.

There is a registration fee of RM20 for the Team Category and RM5 per participant for the Individual category.

The competition is divided into two rounds. In the paper-based preliminary round, all participants are required to answer multiple choice questions which cover the SPM Form Four Additional Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry subjects in 45 minutes. The top 10 teams and top 10 individual participants

with the highest scores will proceed to the final round.

The final round is a computer-based quiz where finalists will be required to answer multiple choice questions taken from the SPM Form Four Additional Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry subjects within 30 minutes. All questions for both rounds are in English.

Tunku Abdul Rahman University College Centre for Pre-University Studies head Looi Li Chin said: "I would like to encourage schools and institutions to send their students to take part as this is a good opportunity for them to challenge one another in solving challenging math and science questions."

The deadline to register is April 28. Completed registration forms can be faxed to 03 4142 3166 or the scanned copy of the completed registration form can be sent to any of these email addresses: tansj@acd.tarc.edu.my; yeowml@acd.tarc.edu.my; hoohk@acd.tarc.edu.my; limkk@acd.tarc.edu.my or cheongcl@acd.tarc.edu.my.