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## HEADLINES

### **Science Fair for Young Children 2024 Launch**

The Science Fair for Young Children (SFYC) 2024 was successfully launched on 23 February 2024 at AC Hotel by Marriot, Kuala Lumpur. It was launched by YB Saraswathy Kandasami, Deputy Minister in Ministry of National Unity.





## Young Technopreneurs Challenge 2024 Launch

The Young Technopreneurs Challenge (YTC) 2024 was launched on 23 February 2024 at AC Hotel by Marriot, Kuala Lumpur. The event was graced virtually by Deputy Minister, Ministry of National Unity, YB Senator Puan Saraswathy Kandasami with her virtual honorary speech.



## ASTI's Special Socrates Round Table

In conjunction with the launch of Young Technopreneurs Challenge 2024, ASTI organised a Special Round Table on "How students can prepare for an even faster changing world" at AC Hotel by Marriot, Kuala Lumpur on 23 February 2024. The Roundtable was moderated by Dato' Tharuma Rajah who is a member of the Board of trustee, Teach for Malaysia, Senior Advisor to Pivotus Consulting and former Global Managing Director for Hay Group. Socrates Round Table was a small interactive group and participated by subject matter experts from various industries.





## Young Technopreneurs Challenge 2024

Registration for the Young Technopreneurs Challenge (YTC) is now open! YTC is an entrepreneurial competition focused on ideas and inventions with the potential for commercialization. The competition is designed to provide participants with valuable experiences, allowing them to learn and develop real-life entrepreneurial skills.

YTC is open for two categories:

Category 1: Secondary School Students (Age 14-17)

Category 2: 18-30 years old

**PRIZES**

Champion: **RM1500**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Runner: **RM1000**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner: **RM700**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place: **RM500**  
 5<sup>th</sup> Place: **RM300**

**Young Technopreneurs Challenge (YTC)** is a business plan entrepreneurial competition based on ideas and inventions with commercialization potentials. YTC helps participants to develop entrepreneurial skills. YTC will be conducted in 2 phases. Phase 1 is the registration followed by briefing and business plan submission. In Phase 2, shortlisted teams will be invited for an online workshop followed by online pitching session after which the winners will be determined.

The objectives of the YTC is:

1. To create an awareness among students about business and entrepreneurship.
2. To improve presentation skills and introduce "business pitching".
3. To introduce concepts such as financial planning, value proposition and marketing to students.
4. To give student a real feel of the business and entrepreneurial world.
5. To help young people understand how to commercialise their ideas.

The target group and age category for the YTC are as follows:

- **Category 1:** Secondary school students aged 14-17 years old
- **Category 2:** 18-30 years old
- Each team is to be made up of 3-5 students.
- The category will be determined by the oldest person in the team
- The competition would target ASTI Alumni, particularly the YIC Alumni network. However, non-Alumnus can also participate.

**. PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

Registration (STEP 1) → Briefing Session (STEP 2) → Business Plan Submission (STEP 3) → Business Plan Review and Shortlisting (STEP 4) → Shortlisted Teams Announcement (STEP 5) → Half Day Workshop for Shortlisted Teams (STEP 6) → Business Plan Pitching by Shortlisted Teams (STEP 7) → Winners Announcement (STEP 8)

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Organizer: **ASTI**  
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For more information, visit: <https://www.asti.org.my/ytc2024/>



## NEWS

### We Are Hiring!

We are hiring Junior Account Executive for ASTI and Project Executive for Kalam Initiative Project.



If you are interested, please email your resume to [asti2510@gmail.com](mailto:asti2510@gmail.com)

## GENERAL NEWS

### Delivering Inclusion for Life

British High Commission Kuala Lumpur and Nisai Group jointly organised a seminar to bring together academia, researchers, educational leaders, and practitioners in inclusive education to explore methods of building innovative partnerships that can bring about step-changes in the lifelong education and employment opportunities for people with Special Educational Needs. The hybrid event was held on 28 February 2024 at Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel & Convention Centre. ASTI was invited to give a talk at the seminar and was represented by Ms. Kalaichelvi Ponnambalam of CQ-TEC TVET Collage KL.

