



THE CROWN PRINCE CIPTA AWARD 2023 LAUNCHED

The Crown Prince CIPTA Award 2023 (*Translate Malay: Anugerah CIPTA Duli Pengiran Muda Mahkota 2023*) was officially launched today in a ceremony held at The Royal Berkshire, Royal Brunei Polo and Riding Club, Jerudong.

CIPTA 2023 is the tenth edition of the biennial competition organised by Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) in partnership with the main sponsor, Brunei LNG Sendirian Berhad (Brunei LNG).

The Guest of Honour at the ceremony was Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Hamzah bin Haji Sulaiman, Minister of Education.

The ceremony was also attended by Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Ir. Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar, Minister of Development; Yang Mulia Datin Seri Paduka Dr. Dayang Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Mohd Salleh, Deputy Minister of Education; Yang Mulia Pengiran Hajah Zety Sufina binti Pengiran Dato Paduka Haji Sani, Permanent Secretary (Industry) Ministry of Finance and Economy; Yang Mulia Dr. Shamsiah Zuraini Kanchanawati binti Haji Tajuddin, Permanent Secretary (Core Education) Ministry of Education and Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Farida binti Dato Seri Paduka Haji Talib, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Brunei LNG Sdn. Bhd. and Co-Chairperson of the CIPTA 2023 Executive Committee.

The ceremony began with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by a Welcoming Speech by the Vice-Chancellor of UTB, Yang Mulia Professor Dr. Dayang Hajah Zohrah binti Haji Sulaiman, Chairperson of the CIPTA 2023 Executive Committee.

The Guest of Honour then delivered his speech and officiated the launching of the Crown Prince CIPTA Award 2023 followed by a multimedia presentation. The Guest of Honour also visited the previous CIPTA winners showcase and exhibitions.

The acronym CIPTA stands for *Creative, Innovative Product and Technological Advancement*, and it is also a Malay word meaning to create or to invent that aims to encourage and to develop the culture for creation, invention and innovation in Brunei Darussalam and other ASEAN countries.

The CIPTA 2023 competition, themed '*Innovations for Sustainable Development Goals*', was developed in response to the 2030 agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as adopted by United Nations Member States in September 2015, sets the blueprint of a global response to normalise the global issues by eradicating poverty, combating inequality and protecting the planet through the tackling of climate change.

CIPTA 2023 Competition invites visionary innovators within Brunei Darussalam and other ASEAN countries to invent and innovate products that revolves around the 17 elements of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to provide integrated solutions to respond to the challenges the world is facing and to ensure inclusiveness among the global society.

The theme is very much in-line with His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khari Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam's Titah for the country to continuously aspires to be widely recognized for its educated, highly skilled and accomplished people, with a high quality of life and a dynamic and sustainable economy by 2035, while preserving its unique social, cultural and traditional values. His Majesty underlined that for the country to achieve the goals and targets of SDGs, it would require unified action and cooperation from national, regional and international bodies.

There are three main categories namely: 'Local Categories', 'Smart Junior Competition' and 'ASEAN Categories'. The Local Categories comprise of three categories: '*Category 1: Creating New Product, Process or Technology*'; '*Category 2: Modifying Existing Product, Process or Technology*'; and '*Category 3: Creating New or Modifying Existing Product, Process or Technology by Young Inventors*'.

The *Smart Junior Competition* is open to Bruneian school students from the lower secondary school students or equivalent to Year 7 to Year 9.

Whilst the *ASEAN Categories* are comprised of two categories which are 'New Invention & Innovation Category' and 'Young Inventor Category'.

Each entry will be judged based on their novelty and creativity; deployment of the end product; social, economic and sustainable design considerations; and the project report and presentation. Assessment of submitted projects will be conducted in two stages starting with the Preliminary Assessment. Only qualified entries will be allowed to proceed to the Final Assessment.

CATEGORY 1, 2 AND 3 (LOCAL CATEGORIES)

The winners for **Category 1** and **Category 2** will receive:

1st Prize - B\$ 6000.00 cash, a trophy & certificate

2nd Prize - B\$ 4000.00 cash, a trophy & certificate

3rd Prize - B\$ 2000.00 cash, a trophy & certificate

Two Consolation Prizes – B\$ 500.00 cash and certificates

The prizes for **Category 3** are as follows:

1st Prize - B\$ 3000.00 cash, a trophy & certificate

2nd Prize - B\$ 2000.00 cash, a trophy & certificate

3rd Prize - B\$ 1000.00 cash, a trophy & certificate

Two Consolation Prizes – B\$ 250.00 cash and certificates

SMART JUNIOR COMPETITION

Winners in the **Smart Junior Competition** will receive:

1st Prize - B\$ 1000.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

2nd Prize - B\$ 800.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

3rd Prize - B\$ 500.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

Two Consolation Prizes – B\$ 200.00 Cash and certificates

ASEAN CATEGORIES

The winners for **New Invention & Innovation Category** will receive:

1st Prize - B\$ 6000.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

2nd Prize - B\$ 4000.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

3rd Prize - B\$ 2000.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

Two Consolation Prizes – B\$ 500.00 Cash and certificates

The winners for **Young Inventor Category** will receive:

1st Prize - B\$ 3000.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

2nd Prize - B\$ 2000.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

3rd Prize - B\$ 1000.00 Cash, a trophy & certificate

Two Consolation Prizes – B\$ 250.00 Cash and certificates

SPECIAL AWARD - THE CROWN PRINCE CIPTA AWARD

Winners of the Local Categories in Categories 1 and 2, as well as the ASEAN Categories - New Invention & Innovation Category, are eligible to compete for the Crown Prince Special Award, which includes a B\$8000 cash prize and a trophy.

The competition encompasses all areas of Science, Technology and Engineering. It is open to all schools, technical and tertiary academic institutions, government and private organisations and the general public.

With the official launching of CIPTA 2023, all related documents can be obtained from their website at **www.utb.edu.bn/cipta** and the registration will be open on **19 May 2022** until **9 January 2023**.

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