

PRYNOSA 18

Her Royal Highness Princess Hajah Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah, the Royal Patron of the Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award (PRYNOSA), consented to grace the prize presentation ceremony of the eighteenth Princess Rashidah Young Nature Scientist Award (PRYNOSA 18). Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Her Royal Highness Princess Hjh Majeedah Nuurul Bulqiah.

For PRYNOSA 18, the judging committee received 23 project proposals and only 5 finalists were chosen. The five PRYNOSA-18 finalists with their respective project titles are:

1. Menglait Secondary School, Gadong
"A Survey of common Bird Species/Families in the Muara District Using Various Bird Watching Techniques"
2. Tanjong Maya Secondary School, Tutong
"A Study of Stingless Bees in Meliponiculture Area of Brunei Darussalam and the Physicochemical Composition of their Natural Honey"
3. Chung Hwa Middle School, Bandar Seri Begawan
"The Ecological and Socio-Economic Importance of Water Lily (Genus: Nymphaea) in Brunei Fresh Water Ecosystem"
4. St. John's School, Kuala Belait
"To Study the Effect of Economically Viable Species of Ferns based on the Distribution in the Rasau Area (Kuala Belait) and Ways of Conserving them for the Benefit of the Future Generation"
5. Awang Semaun Secondary School, Sungai Kebun
"Biological Studies of Mud Crabs (Scylla serata) at Kampong Sungai Asam"

The team from Tanjong Maya Secondary School has been crowned as the champion of the 18th edition of PRYNOSA. While the team from Chung Hwa Middle School, Bandar Seri Begawan and Awang Semaun Secondary School were named as the runner-up and second runner-up of the PRYNOSA 18, respectively.

The winning teams received prizes sponsored by Brunei Shell Petroleum Co. Sdn. Bhd. in terms of a cash prizes, challenge trophies, individual trophies and certificates.

Brunei Shell Petroleum Co Sdn Bhd, has been the Ministry's co-sponsor for PRYNOSA since it was first organized in 1997 with the aim of nurturing excellence among our younger generations. This prestigious competition is a yearly event and is open to all secondary schools throughout the country. Project proposals are submitted at the beginning of the year by the schools however only five schools are chosen as finalists. The finalists carry out their field work during the school's holiday. Each finalists is to submit a research report and undergoes an oral presentation are judged by the appointed panel of judges led by the Forestry Department, with the involvement of other experts from relevant institutional, government agencies and NGOs in the various.

For 18 consecutive years, Brunei Shell Petroleum Co Sdn Bhd has been an important partner of Brunei Darussalam's efforts to promote environmental sustainability and education in Science and Technology. This effort is also in tandem with the national vision for 2035 which directly addresses the need for an educated, highly skilled and accomplished individual.

According to Mr Andrew Faulkner Managing Director of BSP, this is one of the many BSP commitments towards the environment and the community and in a way supports the Government aspiration. This combined effort further reinforces and deepens BSP's commitment which mainly is demonstrated by incorporating environmental considerations into BSP's operations, advocating and supporting pro-environment community initiatives and partnering with the Government on strategic, national-level environmental initiatives.