

PROBLEM-SOLVING, TREASURE TRAILS AND FUN TEAM BONDING AT THE NEWLY INTRODUCED MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Jalan Bellamy, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: 4-6 February 2010... The Alice Smith School, Primary Campus in Jalan Bellamy hosted the first ever FOBISSEA (Federation of British International Schools in South East Asia) Mathematics Competition from 4th – 6th February 2010.

Top notch gifted and talented students from fifteen British International Schools in South East Asia participated in this three-days event. Over eighty students all aged between 10 and 11 years old have been selected from their schools as being particularly able mathematicians whilst also being good at working through tricky Mathematics problems as part of a team. Students tackled intensive individual rounds, team challenges and practical problems. Other activities included journeying around the famous KLCC Park in search of clues in order to answer questions in an exciting and demanding Mathematics Trail, a chance to have an adventure at the amazing Petrosains Discovery Centre and complete a complex Construction Challenge.

“It is hoped that this competition will provide an alternative, academic version to the existing long-running sports and music events,” said Louise Nelson, the competition organiser. The competition is a great opportunity for students to not only challenge themselves but to also make new friends.

“The children gained so much from the event, making new friends as well as being challenged” adds Nigel Barrett from British International School, Manila.

The event was such a great success that Bangkok Patana School, Thailand has offered to host the competition next year and British International School, Manila will be hosting the year after. The FOBISSEA Mathematics Competition is initiated, developed and run for the first time by staff at the Alice Smith School, Primary Campus. It is based on a similar format as a European International Schools mathematics competition. It is certainly hoped, by teachers and students alike, that the FOBISSEA Mathematics Competition will become another successful, annually-held event.



Students attempting the marble rollercoaster building competition



Do you see any clues here?



*Fun Day out at
the Petrosains
Discovery Centre*



*Maths activities out of the
classroom is a great way
to stimulate a child's
mental thinking*