

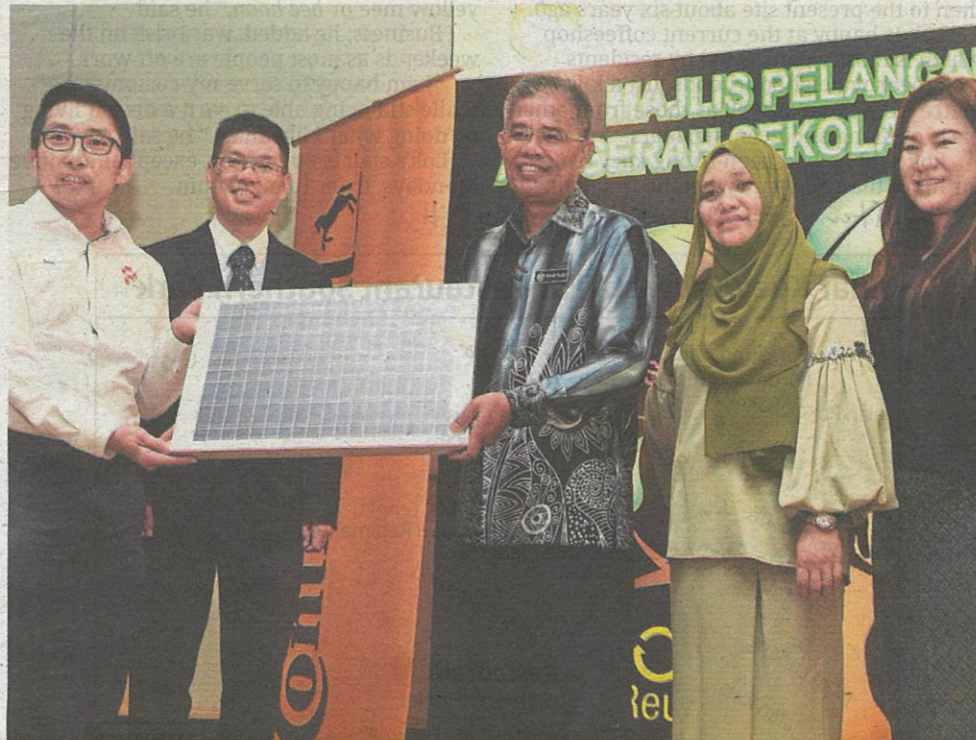
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Students more aware of need to protect environment



Lee (left) handing over the solar panel prize for the Green School Award to Mohd Puad. With them are (from right) Continental Automotive Components communication and marketing Asean head Kim Tan, Sohana and Koh.

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THE number of contestants vying for the Green School Award in Penang which started in 2010 is increasing every year.

Organised by Seberang Prai Municipal Council (MPSP), the contest drew 152 schools last year compared with just 30 in the first year and 36 in 2011.

Council Urban Services Department director Mohd Puad Hamid said this was the highest number so far.

He added that 149 schools took part in 2016.

"I hope the number of participating schools will increase further this year.

"An increase in numbers shows that more students are aware of the need to be proactive to protect the environment," he said at the launch of the Green School Award for Seberang Prai 2018 at the MPSP Auditorium in Bandar Perda, Bukit Mertajam.

Continental Automotive Components (M) Sdn Bhd will be the main sponsor for the eighth year.

The other sponsors are Jinko Solar Sdn Bhd and Pekat Solar Sdn Bhd.

Mohd Puad said the award was aimed at providing a holistic approach in managing

the environment, adding that the schools would be judged on several criteria.

Among them are the 3R practices (recycle, reuse and reduce), saving electricity, conserving water, innovation and creativity, cleanliness and greening as well as community involvement.

Also present at the event were Continental Automotive Components (M) Sdn Bhd human resources general manager Sohana Kasim, Jinko Solar Technology Sdn Bhd finance manager K.P. Koh, Pekat Solar Sdn Bhd north regional representative Sam Lee and Penang Green Council executive (awards and incentives) R. Renuka.

The top two winners in the primary and secondary school categories will receive RM2,000 and RM1,600 each.

The second runner-up of the primary school category will take home RM1,200.

This year, Jinko Solar will present a solar panel with a capacity of eight kilowatts to the winners of the Green School Award (four kilowatts each to the primary and the secondary school).

The closing date for submitting reports is July 31.

The valuations will be in August and the prizes will be presented in October.

For details, schools can contact MPSP LA21 coordinator Chew Eng Seng at 012-477 9330.