



GALAXY

EXPLORER COMPETITION

The Galaxy Explorer Competition is an annual, online national competition in Malaysia for students from Standard 4 to Form 5 and Pre-University level. It features engaging challenges in space science and astronomy that aim to spark curiosity, develop critical thinking, and encourage interest in exploring the universe.

IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION

11 May - 11 June 2026

NORMAL REGISTRATION

12 June - 12 August 2026

COMPETITION DAY

10 October 2026

RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT

November 2026

OBJECTIVES

- To expand students' understanding of astronomy and space science, including topics such as the solar system, planets, stars, and galaxies.
- To spark scientific curiosity and deepen interest in the universe through challenging questions and interactive activities.
- To inspire further learning and exploration in space science through a fun and educational experience.

CATEGORIES

PRIMARY

- PUBLIC SCHOOL
Year 4, 5, & 6
- INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Year 4, 5, & 6

SECONDARY

- PUBLIC SCHOOL
Form 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
- INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12
- PRE-UNIVERSITY

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- MALAYSIAN ASTRONOMY OLYMPIAD (MYAO)**
 - A paper-based national examination open to the top 10% from the secondary category (14-18 years old) based on current year of International Astronomy Olympiad (IAO)
- SELECTION FOR NATIONAL SELECTION CAMP**
 - The top 15 students from MyAO
 - Online training camp
 - Final Selection Test
- SELECTION FOR NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP**
 - The best 4 students from selection camp
 - Intensive physical training camp
- INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMY OLYMPIAD (IAO)**
 - The best 4 students will represent Malaysia in the IAO

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Malaysian Astronomy Olympiad

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MALAYSIAN TEAM IN THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMY OLYMPIAD (IAO) 2025

IRAO 2025 was hosted by Bangladesh and held at Ardent Educational Consultant from 6th to 15th November 2025. The competition brought together participants from various countries to compete in an international astronomy olympiad featuring challenging theoretical and observational components.

The Malaysian delegation consisted of six students Cheah Hoe Yeen, Cheong Kar Hin, Kang Zy Shun, Chan Dun Li, Tham Chen-En, and Yahaya bin Basiron. The team was led by Mr Hanif from Ardent Educational Consultant and Dr. Idahwati from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). Team Malaysia delivered an outstanding performance, with successfully earning **five Bronze Medals**.



COMPETITION FORMAT

METHOD
Online

ANSWERING TIME
1 Hour
15 Minutes

NECESSITY

- Stable internet connection
- Scientific calculator

QUESTIONS
30 objective questions

LANGUAGE

- English
- Bahasa Melayu

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Every participant will receive a certificate of participation. Awards will be given to the top scorers according to the percentages as shown below. The awards are symbolic, and not actual medals.



WILL RECEIVE A GOLD, SILVER OR BRONZE AWARD CERTIFICATE



WILL RECEIVE AN HONORABLE MENTION CERTIFICATE



WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

REGISTRATION FEE

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION

RM **40**
per participant

NORMAL REGISTRATION

RM **45**
per participant

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