

Junior Inventor of the Year (JIY) Contest 2009

The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) has called for applications from prospective contestants, for the Junior Inventor of the Year (JIY) Competition 2009.

The preliminary competitions, which envisage to promote creativity and innovation among the school-going fraternity islandwide, will be held at provincial level, similar to last year. These preliminary competitions are scheduled to be held in July and August, at Pollannurawa, Kandy, Kurunegala, Badulla, Kalutara, Galle and Colombo. The final will be in Colombo in September.

The provincial centres of the IESL are expected to organize seminars and workshops for the prospective contestants and their school teachers, in consultation with the Chairman of the JIY Steering Committee Eng. J Meegoda. Mentoring programmes for the prospective candidates would also be organized.

The esteemed 'Junior Inventor of the Year' title will be conferred on the winner of the competition in addition to a gold medal, a cash prize and a certificate.

Some of the other competitors who win the slots in their order of merit, would also be lauded with medals, prizes or certificates. Five selected winners will be awarded IESL scholarships to cover their university careers.

These prizes will be awarded at the Inauguration of the Institution's Annual Sessions scheduled to be held in October 2009. The 'Top Five' prizes will be distributed at the inaugural sessions at the BMICH. Parents, teachers and the students of the competitors' schools which win the first five places, will also be invited for the occasion.

A trophy and a cash prize from the Post Graduate Institute of Management (PIM) of the Sri Lanka Jayawardenepura University, will be awarded to the winner's alma mater. The principal of the school will be invited to receive that prize and the trophy from the chief guest who will grace this event.

The Best Teacher who has provided guidance in the competition too, would be rewarded by a special certificate and a monetary prize.

The prospective inventors who will exhibit the very best inventions at this competition, will also qualify and get the opportunity to participate in the 'INTEL' International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), the world's largest pre-college science competition that would be held in the United States, in May 2010.

The IESL provincial centres are now liaising with the Steering Committee at the headquarters, to hold the preliminary competitions in their respective provinces.

For further information and clarifications if any, please contact the Chairman of the JIY Steering Committee Eng. Jayaviral Meegoda or the Secretary Eng. Prasad Siriwardena on Tel 0714150720 or Tel 0714163423.

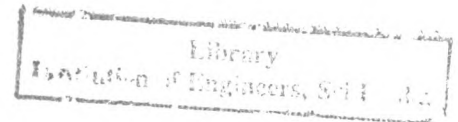


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