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Inaugural VPET Promotion Competition Commends Winning Student Teams for Their Creativity and Technological Innovation

Corporate Tech Academy Network (CTAN) announced the winners and runners-up for its first ever Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) Promotion Competition. After rounds of awe-inspiring demonstration, five student teams, among 35 participating groups, were commended at the award ceremony on 16th October. The competition was organized by CTAN, an institution co-founded by multiple public and private entities, to raise awareness for the VPET curriculum.

The tournament was jointly established by CLP Power Academy, Hong Kong International Aviation Academy, Hong Kong Institute of Construction, HKPC Academy, MTR Academy, and Towngas Engineering Academy, and was supported by Electrical and Mechanical Services Department of the HKSAR Government, Hong Kong Island School Heads Association, Kowloon Region School Heads Association, New Territories School Heads Association, and the Engineering Programme of Institute of Vocational Education (IVE). With this coordinated effort, Form Four and Form Five students from whole-day secondary schools across the territory were invited to first visit and gain a firsthand glimpse into VPET and CTAN, then showcase their self-organize and communication skills to promote the various courses that VPET offers. After an initial round of evaluation, 26 of the 35 participating teams were shortlisted, and were tasked with visualizing their ideas with multimedia projects for final assessment.

Among the eye-catching projects, two co-winners came up on top, namely HKMA David Li Kwok Po College and QESOSA Tong Kwok Wah Secondary School. Both teams were rewarded a trophy and a scholarship of HK\$ 3,000, while the second runner-up, Islamic Kasim Tuet Memorial College, brought home a trophy and a scholarship of HK\$ 1,000. Teams from Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wah San Secondary School, Caritas St. Joseph Secondary School, and Christian Alliance SW Chan Memorial College won the Most Creative Award and the two Outstanding Awards respectively. Members of each shortlisted team also received a certificate and were invited to take part in an in-depth tour to CTAN member organizations.

During the award ceremony, Mr. Eric Pang Yiu-hung, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, highlighted VPET's dual emphasis on academic theories and practical skills, and its aim to empower the students to develop a successful career in both Hong Kong and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, where technical professionals are destined to be highly sought after, making the curriculum an ideal option for young learners.

Mr. Paul Poon Wai-yin, chairman of CTAN and Vice Chancellor of CLP Power Academy remarked that, as Hong Kong continues its infrastructure development, a wide range of relevant industries will be in massive need of accredited professionals, meaning VPET will be a critical factor to the city's long-term prosperity. Mr. Ng Chi-kee, Executive Director of Hong Kong International Airport Services Holdings Limited and representative of Hong Kong International Aviation Academy, praised the participating teams for their excellent effort and ingenious creativity, thus providing an important reference for VPET to promote its education programmes in the future. It is CTAN's hope that, through this competition, secondary school graduates will be more familiar with and interested in VPET, eventually enabling Hong Kong to build an even larger talent pool for technical professionals.

Result of the competition can be found at:

<http://www.ctan-vpet.com/>

About Corporate Tech Academy Network, (CTAN)

CTAN is co-founded by six entrepreneurial institutes, namely CLP Power Academy, Hong Kong International Aviation Academy, Hong Kong Institute of Construction, HKPC Academy, MTR Academy, and Towngas Engineering Academy.

With this platform, the network aims to create a synergy that maximizes Hong Kong's technological expertise and highlight the importance of VPET education to our society's development. The mission of CTAN includes: to enhance and promote VPET; to nurture future generations of accredited technical professionals; to encourage local participation to the curriculum and Hong Kong's sustainable development; and to promote continued learning and upward mobility for the young generation.

Captions:



Picture One: Winning teams posing for a photo



Picture Two: Co-winner HKMA David Li Kwok Po College



Picture Three: Co-winner QESOSA Tong Kwok Wah Secondary School



Picture Four: Runner-up Islamic Kasim Tuet Memorial College



Picture Five: Online proposals submitted by participating teams