

**ASEAN youth united to present the concept of "AI for Green Sustainability"**



**June 20, 2025** — The Ministry of Education officially closed the "ASEAN Youth Camp 2025" (AYC 2025) at the National Science Museum in Pathum Thani Province, Thailand. The event included a competition for presenting projects under the theme "AI for Green Sustainability," providing a platform for youth from ASEAN, China, Japan, South Korea, and Timor-Leste to showcase their innovative technological solutions for creatively addressing environmental challenges.

The competition was divided into 17 teams from 13 countries, with each team presenting ideas on how to use AI technology to tackle various environmental issues such as clean energy, waste management, natural resource conservation, and climate change adaptation. The panel of distinguished international judges, from countries such as Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia, Finland, Spain, UNESCO (Bangkok), and the SEAMEO STEM-ED Center, evaluated the projects based on innovation, systems thinking, and the feasibility of practical implementation.



Pichet Phopakdee, PhD, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, presented awards to the youth teams selected from the "AI for Green Sustainability" competition. The awards were as follows:



- **1st Place: The Philippines** (Philippine Science High School System) received a robot and a 10-year license to use the CiRA CORE system with the robotic module, valued at 400,000 Baht per team.

- **1st Runner-up: Thailand** (Bangkok Christian College) received a robot and a 7-year license to use the CiRA CORE system with the robotic module, valued at 280,000 Baht per team.



- **2nd Runner-up: Singapore** (Clementi Town Secondary School) received a robot and a 5-year license to use the CiRA CORE system with the robotic module, valued at 200,000 Baht per team.





Kritchai Somsaman, PhD, Director of the SEAMEO STEM-ED Center, delivered the report and announced the competition results, amid applause and cheers from the youth and representatives from various countries. This reflected the power of the new generation of youth, who are ready to drive the region and the world toward sustainable progress.



The Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, in his closing speech, stated that the ASEAN Youth Camp had successfully achieved its goals in every aspect, including fostering creativity, cross-border collaboration, and cultural exchange. He commended all the youth participants for demonstrating their potential, dedication, and strong social and environmental consciousness, which was truly impressive. He also wished every participant success in their future paths, encouraging them to take the knowledge, experiences, and friendships gained from the camp as inspiration in their growth toward becoming true leaders with a heart for the world. He expressed his confidence that the youth from various countries, having learned and created together, would be a driving force in pushing ASEAN to grow steadily, both in the fields of science, technology, and human values, all while embracing diversity.

After the closing ceremony, the youth participants gathered for a farewell party in a warm and friendly atmosphere. They received souvenirs and enjoyed cultural performances from representatives of each country. This event reflected the power of friendship, mutual understanding, and deep learning together.



***The organization of this ASEAN Youth Camp marks another significant step in the region's collaboration in education, science, and culture. It is focused on developing the new generation of leaders who possess not only international skills and a broad vision but also a true sense of responsibility towards global sustainability.***