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NASA SPACE APPS SARAWAK IS BACK FOR 2022

KUCHING – The NASA Space Apps Challenge is back this year to encourage more Sarawakians to try their hand at changing the world. Organised by the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development, Sarawak (MEITD), in partnership with Realfun Learning Centre and SOL Digital, the event will be held in hybrid mode, on 1st and 2nd October 2022.

NASA Space Apps Challenge is a 48-hour global hackathon event organised by NASA to inspire local communities to come together, think intensely, and create solutions to important problems using NASA's open-source data. This event aims to spark interest in solving problems concerning Space and Earth. It provides a platform for everyone to stand together to tackle the challenges. As the largest global hackathon, the NASA Space Hackathon can inspire collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking as well as to foster interest on Earth and in space science exploration among the Sarawak community.

The theme for this year's event is "Make Space" that celebrates the true meaning of "there's always space for one more". Space Apps strives to eliminate barriers of access to space and science opportunities. Participants from around the world are welcomed regardless of background and experience to create, explore, learn, and build together.

Students, teenagers, working adults, and anyone above 13 years old are all welcomed to develop their innovative solutions in this challenge. Open to diverse sets of individuals, participants do not need to know coding, programming, or any technical knowledge to be part of the challenge.

Individuals can also utilise this platform to interact and engage with people from around the world. All participants will get a NASA certificate and exclusive swag packs as tokens of participation. Additionally, MEITD has also prepared a prize pool of more than RM35,000 for the top teams.

Various workshops and carnivals will be organised throughout the month of September to get the participants ready for the hackathon. Participants will have a chance to win an iPhone 12 mini as part of this year's new gamification element. For more information, please check the website at www.spaceappssarawak.com . Registration is open now until 2 October but only early birds will get to participate in the gamification element to enjoy all the exclusive NASA Space Apps Sarawak merchandise.

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