



Eco Tech team members introducing their idea on Garbage Enzyme.

Eco Tech, Grand Lady win Sabah leg of Challenge for Change

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PENAMPANG: The Eco Tech team comprising Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) second year biotechnology students Gan Siaw Chin, Leong Yeh Chwan, Eric Wong Hong Jian, Teng Yi Siew and Jong Lin Wei had selected the community at Kampung Tampasak to kick-start the members' idea on Garbage Enzyme.

The team and their idea emerged as one of the two winners of the Sabah leg of the third DiGi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd's Challenge for Change held at UMS from Oct 21 to 23.

The other winner was Grand Lady, also of UMS, with its idea on textile waste solution.

According to Marketing

and Stakeholder Management of Sabah DiGi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd, Glenn Chin, this is the third year DiGi is having the Challenge for Change.

This year's theme is "Create Social Venture Startups" that will help to address existing social, economic and environmental challenges amongst underserved communities through the use of mobile and internet technologies.

"This year DiGi is selecting two winning teams from each region and Sabah region's two selected teams will be competing with the rest of the teams in KL in March 2012," he said.

He added that one of the criteria was to kick-start

a small event based on the team's idea with the underserved community before the final in March 2012, hence Eco-Tech's Garbage Enzyme at Kampung Tampasak carried out last week.

DiGi has gotten endorsement from Ministry of Information, Communication and Culture for this project.

DiGi's partners for third Challenge for Change are MSC Malaysia and ZTE Corporation, while DiGi's local partners are SWEAPA, PACOS, and Sabah Society of Computer.

DiGi's Challenge for Change competition offers more than RM200,000 worth of cash and experiential prizes to participating and winning teams.