

# Five teams selected for UMS-Neurogine Technology Talent Hub 2024 in Labuan

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**LABUAN:** Five exceptional teams have advanced to the final round of the inaugural UMS-Neurogine Technology Talent Hub 2024 (T2H 2024), a competition organised by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and Neurogine Sdn Bhd.

In a joint statement to Bernama on Friday, UMS and Neurogine said the event aims to nurture technology, finance, and marketing talent in Sabah and Labuan. The finalist teams were chosen for their innovative solutions, market viability and potential societal impact. Each team received a RM1,000 grant to further develop their projects in line with T2H 2024's theme, "Ideas, Innovate and Inspire."

Projects range from blockchain-based applications to the internet-of-things (IoT)-driven solutions for agriculture and logistics. Among the finalists, Team Eight proposed a blockchain platform for automotive supply chain management, while Team 14 designed FindXTech, an independent long-range tracking system.

Team Two focused on a hydroponic greenhouse with IoT monitoring; Team 13 developed

MyPaddychain for paddy subsidy management; and Team 6 introduced a VR (virtual reality) crowdfunding platform with blockchain integration.

Teams will present their projects to a panel of esteemed judges in December, with the winner receiving RM10,000, while second and third place winner will get RM8,000 and RM5,000 respectively.

The judging panel, chaired by Assoc Prof Dr. Geoffrey Harvey Tanakinjal and Dr Mohd Hanafi Ahmad Hijazi from UMS, consists of industry and academic experts.

"This competition has highlighted the depth of young talent and their potential to drive technological entrepreneurship in Labuan and Sabah," said Dr Tanakinjal.

Meanwhile, Dr Hanafi was echoed this sentiment, noting the diverse applications presented, including blockchain, artificial intelligence and sustainability-focused solutions. Neurogine chief executive officer (CEO) Owen Chen emphasised the importance of nurturing talent in technology, finance and marketing. — Bernama