

SMK Pulau Gaya shines at BIICC

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Gold medal for Purehydra System.

KOTA KINABALU: Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Pulau Gaya secured four gold medals, one silver medal and two special awards — the Best Poster Award and Best Educator Award — at the prestigious Borneo International Innovation and Creativity Competition (BIICC) 2026, held recently at the Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC).

Organised by the Malaysia Young Scientists Organisation (MYSO) in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), BIICC 2026 brought together participants from across the globe to showcase research, innovation and creativity in STEM, education and technology.



In the student category, SMK Pulau Gaya students won two gold medals, one silver medal and the Best Poster Award, demonstrating their ability to compete at the international level.

In the educator category, principal Azlan Hj. Safie and head of the Language Department Harry Gunik won a gold medal for their project, NOVEL-GO-AKTIF: Interactive Literature Learning Game, which also received the Best Educator Award for its creative and impactful educational innovation.



Mathematics teacher and teacher ambassador Mariani John D. Sibatu @ Marylyn also won a gold medal for her innovation, ISTANA SMART PINTAR, a digital learning ecosystem integrating STEM, Mathematics, artificial intelligence (AI), gamification and learning analytics to enhance students' understanding and achievement in Mathematics.



To celebrate the school's success, MYSO, led by Haji Razmi, visited the school, inspiring students to continue excelling in STEM, research and innovation.

"As the principal and school leader, I will ensure that I serve as a guide and driver for students, teachers and the entire school community in empowering STEM and innovation."