

Details for the Final Judging of Shortlisted Entries to the GMAC Student Reporters' Challenge 2009, at the 5 Sep 2009 Video Screening Session

1 GMAC would like to congratulate the Student Reporters from the following schools, whose entries to the GMAC Student Reporters' Challenge have been shortlisted for Final Judging at the 5 Sep 2009 Video Screening Session.

- *Shortlisted Entries for the Lower Secondary Category*
 - NUS High School of Mathematics and Science
 - CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School
 - Unity Secondary School
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- *Shortlisted Entries for the Upper Secondary Category*
 - Raffles Institution
 - Nanyang Girls' High School
 - Hwa Chong Institution

2 Please note that the above list is in no particular order.

3 As mentioned previously, creators of the shortlisted entries would be required to attend the Video Screening Session, scheduled on 5 Sep 2009. Attendance of the event is compulsory for all five members of each team (unless accompanied by very strong reasons or if presence is excused by a Medical Certificate. GMAC needs to be informed as early as possible on the student's absence). As announced earlier, the shortlisted entries would be screened during this session, and subjected to the final round of judging based on the following criteria:

Criteria (Final Judging)	Weightage
Objectivity & Scientific Accuracy of Presented Information	50%
Entertainment and Aesthetic Appeal <i>(ability to engage and interest a layman audience)</i>	20%
Creativity and Innovation	20%
"Special Component" – "Votes from the Audience"	10%

Unravelling of the "Special Component"

4 The "Special Component" of the Final Judging Criteria, undisclosed to participants previously, is actually "Votes from the Audience". Each member of the audience present at the Video Screening Session would be able to vote for his/her favourite shortlisted entries. The audience votes will contribute towards the total score of each of the shortlisted entries.

Guests to the Video Screening Session

5 Each group of Student Reporters' whose entry has been shortlisted for the Final Judging is invited to bring Guests to the Video Screening Session. The Guests can be relatives, friends, schoolmates, or teachers, etc of the Student Reporters. Through the competition, GMAC seeks not only to educate the student participants, but also wish to provide opportunities for the Student Reporters to share their knowledge and findings with a wider audience. Furthermore, besides the screening of the shortlisted entries, the Video Screening Session has other interesting features such as a Question and Answer component where the audience can pose GM-related questions to an Expert Panel. Hence, the Video Screening Session provides an excellent opportunity where Student Reporters' and their Guests alike can be enriched on scientifically-accurate information on GM technology and GMOs.

6 ***Each shortlisted group can bring a maximum of 20 Guests to the Video Screening Session.*** All members of the audience at the Video Screening Session, whether they are participants of the Student Reporters' Challenge or Guests of the shortlisted groups, will have equal voting rights.

7 CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School and the NUS High School of Mathematics and Science have participated in both Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary categories of the competition. If the Upper Secondary team members of these two schools should register for the Video Screening Session (and indeed, they, like all other participants of the GMAC Student Reporters Challenge, are urged to do so), they will count towards the "20-Guest Quota" of their respective schools' shortlisted Lower Secondary teams. For instance, if all 5 members of NUS High School's Upper Secondary team registers for the Video Screening Session, NUS High School's shortlisted Lower Secondary team can invite up to $(20 - 5) = 15$ other Guests to the event. The same applies for CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School. Priority for attendance of the Video Screening Session should be given to participants of the GMAC Students Reporters' Challenge 2009 over other Guests.

Comments and Potential Questions by Judges Following the Screening of Shortlisted Entries at the Video Screening Session

8 We had previously mentioned that during the Video Screening Session, representatives from each of the shortlisted teams might be required to give a 1-2min verbal introduction on the team's experiences in creating the video (e.g. on the methodologies adopted, what they have learned, unique encounters and/or observations, etc).

9 Following feedback from the members of the Preliminary Judging Panels, GMAC has decided to do away with the above. Instead, following the screening of each entry, members of the Final Judging Panel may give their comments. It is also possible that the Judges may pose questions to the team. The shortlisted entries, though good, nonetheless still has some minor inaccuracies in scientific content. We hope to point out these inaccuracies and correct them at the Video Screening Session.

Prizes

10 The final results of the GMAC Student Reporters' Challenge 2009 will be announced towards the end of the Video Screening Session.

- 11 The following prizes will be presented at the event.
- First Prize: Trophy + Cash Cheque of \$1,000 (to be shared among group members)
 - Second Prize: Trophy + Cash Cheque of \$600 (to be shared among group members)
 - Third Prize: Trophy + Cash Cheque of \$300 (to be shared among group members)
- 12 All Student Reporters will also be presented with certificates.