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TOP SPELLERS FROM SIR AND NSC FACE OFF IN RHB'S INAUGURAL SPELLING MASTERS 2015

Kuala Lumpur - The inaugural RHB Spelling Masters 2015 held in Kuala Lumpur saw the participation of the top ten winners of RHB NST National Spell-It-Right (SIR) Challenge 2015, Malaysia and RHB-The Straits Times National Spelling Competition (NSC) 2015, Singapore battle it out in a friendly competition. The 20 participants were from the primary school category.

"Our success with SIR and NSC has inspired us to take it a notch further. We want to provide exposure to the young participants to test their spelling might at the regional level. This will also enhance their self-confidence and develop them into well-rounded individuals', said Tan Sri Azlan Zainol, Chairman of RHB Bank Berhad.

He said that RHB's presence in ASEAN will be able to touch the lives of the communities within the region. It is RHB's way of investing into the future and the development of communities in which it operates.

The Spelling Masters, an initiative organised as part of the RHB Banking Group's Corporate Responsibility programme, also aims to encourage teamwork, collaboration and camaraderie among the participants from the two countries.

The top primary school winners from SIR 2015 participating in today's competition are among the participants from 750 schools while the winners from NSC 2015 are among the participants from 180 schools. Introduced in 2008, SIR is a collaboration with the News Straits Times Press in Malaysia for both primary and secondary school students.

Also present at the event were Hajah Rashidah bt Md Arif, Director, Fully Residential and Excellence Schools Management Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia, and Dato' Khairussaleh Ramli, Group Managing Director, RHB Banking Group.

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