

CIMB Scrabble To School Program

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The CIMB Scrabble to school program is now into its second successive year. With financial contributions from CIMB bank and technical and logistical support from Island College of Technology (ICT) and Penang Scrabble Club (PSC), another 25 secondary and 25 primary schools sent teams and teachers to attend their respective workshops on 20th February 2010 and 27th March 2010.

CIMB Interschool Scrabble Competition (Primary Schools) – 10th April 2010

Four students each from 23 primary school turned up bright and early and plunged headlong into their very first tournaments on 10th April 2010 at the Penang State Library in Seberang Perai. It was tensed, bewildering yet exhilarating experience for most of these newbies who looked desperately at their accompanying teachers and the helpers from ICT and PSC for help when they were uncertain about what to do next. They had to be patiently shown how to count, record and keep track of their marks and tiles as well as advised on basic scrabble etiquette.

However, by the end of the third game, most of them had managed to grasp what they had to do and were able to play confidently by themselves. Their competitive spirit kicked in as they watched the accumulation of the wins and aggregates of all the players being recorded in the computer on the big screen at the venue. By then the major contenders for top placing had emerged and the tension grew as the competition drew to a close. The students from SJK (C) Han Chiang played brilliantly and lost only one game as they pushed forward to emerge as overall champions with a total of 9 wins. SJK(C) Min Sin which was the only team with 8 wins came in second while a very surprised and delighted Sek. Keb. Seri Tasek with 7 wins. Teacher and students alike had not expected to do so well in their first outing, especially against more experienced schools.



Winners - SJK(C) Han Chiang



1st Runners-up - SJK(C) Min Sin



2nd Runners-up - SK Seri Tasek

The full result can be seen below.

Rank	Primary School	Wins	Aggregate
1	SJK (C) Han Chiang	9	2980
2	SJK (C) Min Sin	8	2397
3	SK Seri Tasek	7	2077
4	SK Convent Lebu Light	7	1956
5	SK Bagan Ajam6	6.5	2166
6	SJK (T) Mak Mandin	6.5	2071
7	SJK (C) Aik Keow	6	1584
8	SR Islam Al-Masriyah	6	1557
9	SK Padang Menora	6	1527
10	SJK (C) Lee Chee	5	2055
11	SK Bagan Jermal	5	1778
12	SJK (T) Sungai Ara. Pg.	5	1592
13	SK Kampung Selamat	5	1476
14	SK Permatang Janggus	4	1863
15	SJK (T) Bukit Mertajam	4	1805
16	SK Convent Butterworth	4	1659
17	SK Permatang Pauh	4	1375
18	SK Sg. Nibong	3	1779
19	SK Sungai Batu	3	1642
20	SJK (T) Jalan Sungai	3	1559
21	SK Sungai Gelugor	3	1533
22	SK Sri Tanjong	3	1054
23	SK Bukit Minyak, BM	2	1320

Schools which did not take part in the tournament are:

SK Sungai Puyu

SK Datuk Kramat

CIMB Interschool Scrabble Competition (Secondary Schools) 17th April 2010

Unlike their primary school counterparts, most of the participants in the secondary school category strode confidently into the auditorium of the Penang State Library, Seberang Perai on 17th April 2010 ready to do battle. They had been diligent during their scrabble workshop two weeks earlier and had been studying and practising hard since then. A few of them were also seasoned players and had competed in other tournaments before.

By the end of four games, it was clear that it was going to be a two horse race with SMJK Chung Ling and SMJK Jit Sin, the eternal rivals winning all their games except when playing against each other. As expected, the 5th and last game was a thrilling and very tense affair when both schools had a team up against the other. Both sides took their time and played carefully and their table was soon the centre of attention when the other teams had finished their games. At the nail biting end the team from SMJK Jit Sin won and both schools were tied with 8 points each. Subsequently, SMJK Chung Ling beat their rivals because of its bigger spread or aggregate. SK Convent Green Lane, SK Permatang Rawa and Island College of Technology (ICT) came in third, fourth and fifth respectively.



Winners (Secondary) –
SMJK Chung Ling



1st Runners-up (Secondary) –
SMJK Jit Sin



2nd Runners-up (Secondary) –
SK Convent Green Lane

The full results are as follows:

Rank	Secondary School	Wins	Aggregate
1	Chung Ling Pulau Pinang	8	3623
2	Jit Sin	8	3374
3	Convent Green Lane	7	3051
4	Permatang Rawa	7	2106
5	Island College Technology	6	2703
6	Seberang Jaya	6	2405
7	Phor Tay	6	2265
8	Kampong Selamat	6	2156
9	Permatang Pasir	5	2521
10	Jalan Damai	5	2429
11	Bandar Tasik Mutiara	5	2353
12	Teluk Kumbar	5	2306
13	Tun Hussein Onn	5	2281
14	Batu Maung	5	2275
15	Teluk Kumbar 1	5	2261
16	Haji Zainal Abidin	5	2201
17	Tinggi Bukit Mertajam	4	2582
18	Seri Mutiara	4	2400
19	Al Irshad	4	2256
20	Bandar Baru Perda	4	2159
21	Sungai Ara	4	2128
22	Seri Balik Pulau	4	1647
23	Hutchings	3	2096
24	Alma BM	2	2008
25	Dato HJ Ahmad Badawi	2	2006