

## **CIMB Interschool Scrabble Competition**

### **Selangor (secondary)**

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The secondary-school level CIMB Scrabble to School Programme for Selangor was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2010 in SMK Dato' Hamzah, Klang.

With most schools being first-timers, most of the students were very excited and made efforts to do some last minute studying and memorising while flipping through the dictionary pages to check for iffy doubts.

SMK Sungai Pelek which consists of Anisha Anne Victor, Anishia Veerappan, Priyanka Sethu and Kuhan Bathmanaban showed total confidence and strength in the early rounds by slaying their opponents 4-0 in the earlier rounds to lead the pack of hundred. After the penultimate round, SMK Sungai Pelek were tied at 14 points with the team from SMK (P) Bukit Kuda. At such a crucial stage, these youngsters were aware that they cannot make any mistakes in order to clinch first prize.

Loo Man Yee and Foo Moi Fen gave SMK (P) Bukit Kuda a head start by pipping their opponents to clinch 2 points for their team. However, their team members Bonnie Ashley and Gan Chia Yan faltered under time pressure and lost their lead. SMK Sungai Pelek managed 2 points to clinch first place with a more superior spread.

Newcomers – Sri Haleela, Koh Su Yen, Koh Su Ann and Eng Wee Jee from SMK Sri Istana played in ASTAR Scrabble Challenge International 2010 and CIMB Scrabble Junior Circuit Selangor Leg before taking part in this team event. With a pocketful of experience, they got the better of the other participating schools to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 14 wins and +1043 spread.