



Essay writing contest on Dr Tagore's concepts

KHAZANAH Nasional Bhd's subsidiary Think City Sdn Bhd and Chung Ling High School are organising a Tagore Essay Writing Competition in conjunction with Indian Nobel Laureate Dr Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary.

The competition which began April 15 will end on Friday.

The Indian High Commission in Penang and several Penang Indian-based community groups are also involved in the competition.

Think City programme director Dr Neil Khor said the school was chosen because of its historical connection with Dr Tagore.

"Tagore was at this very school 84 years ago and he had urged students to learn about their own culture because only by knowing one's roots, could one respect another," he said.

Dr Khor and Chung Ling's deputy principal (administration) Soo Seng Poh launched the competition at the school recently.

Dr Khor said contestants' were required to write an essay based on ideas advocated by Dr Tagore, including universal peace, cultural identity and education.

A series of events such as contests, photo exhibitions and a public lecture on Dr Tagore, who is also Asia's first Nobel Prize winner, are lined up to commemorate Dr Tagore's journey to Penang in 1972.

The Tagore Celebration is part of the Penang Story initiative that aims to foster cultural diversity and encourage discovery of Penang's place in local, regional and global history.

The school has also set up a Tagore Corner at its library to encourage students to participate in the competition.

Indian High Commissioner to Malaysia Vijay K. Gokhale will present the prizes to winners when he visits the school on May 13.

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