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Transnational Collaborative STEAM Education 2013 conference coming up

KUCHING: Science House Foundation is convening the first-annual International Conference on Transnational Collaborative STEAM Education 2013 from Oct 3-4, at Dewan Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra (DeTAR PUTRA), Unimas.

This conference is also part of Unimas International Festival of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEMFest) 2013.

The conference, co-organised with Unimas and Global 20 STEM States (with support from the Richard Lounsbery Foundation, the Ford Foundation and the Sarawak Convention Bureau) is a high-level, international gathering of scholars, entrepreneurs and policymakers working together to illuminate paths to transnational collaboration around science and arts education to help better prepare workers for the 21st century workforce, which will translate into new opportunities for jobs, strengthening the education base of students (including school retention rates) and providing new venues for self-esteem for K-12 kids.

Chair of the conference and executive director of Science House Foundation Joshua Fouts, said this unique conference will convene an amazing cross-section of global leaders in education, business and government.

“Together, these innovators will help us to understand how we can work together to prepare kids everywhere for a 21st Century work environment by examining new opportunities in transnational collaborative curriculum and learning; science and cultural sensitivity; and how to preserve and respect identity in an interconnected world,” he said in a press statement.

The summit will include prominent keynote speakers such as Boeing Southeast Asia president and former US ambassador to Thailand Skip Boyce, Aung San Suu Kyi Science advisor Dr Tin Hlaing, Education and Public Programmes at the New York Academy of Sciences executive director Dr Meghan Groome and Pascal Van Den Nieuwendijk from Microsoft.

The conference also features a video presentation from Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and senior executives from Unesco.

Abstracts and papers submitted to the conference are subject to review by a qualified scientific committee to ensure that papers are of high quality and standard. From the accepted papers, selected ones will be considered for publication in the Journal of Transnational STEAM Education.

For further information, visit the conference website at <http://stemstates.org/stemfest-malaysia-2013/international-conference-on-transnational-collaboration-on-steam-education.html> or contact the conference secretary Medecci Lineil by telephone at 019-8983756.

Also, as a part of STEMfest 2013, STEM States Inc. is hosting a China National Day Golf Invitational at the Damai Golf & Country Club in Kuching.

Tee-off will take place at 7am on Oct 1 (Tuesday).

Registration is RM250 per player and will include green fees, players insurance, and usage of buggy on twin sharing basis, refreshments, snacks, buffet lunch, prizes and lucky draws.

The Golf Day provides an opportunity for STEMfest delegates to meet and socialise with one another in an environment other than the location of STEMfest itself.

The golf day is also open to the public.

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