



Nottingham-World Bank Economics Essay Competition 2023 Terms and Conditions

1. The topic of the essay competition is: *“Malaysian youth unemployment rate has been more than ten percent, more than three times higher than the national average. What reforms should the Malaysian government pursue to ensure the labour market in this digital era is vibrant and resilient when you graduate from college?”*
2. The competition is open to all pre-university students (including those currently enroll in A level, STPM, UEC, international schools, foundations and other pre-university programmes) and high school students in Malaysia. Submission can be from a single author or joint authored by a maximum of two authors.

3. The following prizes will be awarded:

First prize	:	RM 1,000.00
Second prize	:	RM 800.00
Third prize	:	RM 600.00
3 consolation prizes	:	RM 350.00 each

In addition to the cash prizes, the top three winning essays will be published on the World Bank Malaysia’s hub website.

4. The winning essays will be selected by a panel of judges from the Nottingham School of Economics Malaysia and the World Bank Group Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Finance Hub in Malaysia. The decision on the winning essays by panel of judges is final and no appeal will be accepted.
5. The essays will be judged according to the following criteria:
 - i) Originality / creativity of ideas
 - ii) Structure and presentation of the essay
 - iii) Depth of analysis and arguments
6. Only one entry per student is permitted.
7. Entries to the competition must be unique (i.e., not published elsewhere or submitted to other essay competition) and original in content. Entries found to contain plagiarism will be disqualified. A bibliography acknowledging references to existing work is required.
8. The essays should be accessible to a wide audience. They are not meant to be academic journal-style papers.
9. The essays may include charts and tables; equations should be avoided as far as possible.

10. Entries must be in English. The essay shall not exceed 2,000 words (excluding charts, tables, and references, but including footnotes).
11. Submissions should be sent via email (as attachment in word or pdf format) to NSE_Essay@nottingham.edu.my. The deadline for submission is 21 July 2023.
12. All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form signed by the author(s). For joint authorship, only one entry form is required.
13. The results will be announced latest in the final quarter of 2023. The organiser reserves the right not to award any or all of the prizes and shall own the copyright to the entries.
14. Close family members (defined as children) of employees in the School of Economics, University of Nottingham Malaysia and the World Bank Group Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Finance Hub in Malaysia are not eligible to participate in the essay competition.