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Asian Economics Essay Competition 2026

Topic/Theme:

Pre-University Category

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies are transforming economies across Asia. Will these technologies widen or reduce economic inequality in the region? Discuss the potential impacts and propose policies that governments should adopt to ensure inclusive digital growth.

Undergraduate Category

Geopolitical tensions and rising protectionism are contributing to the fragmentation of global trade. To what extent will this trend reshape Asia's economic development model, and what policy strategies should Asian economies adopt to remain competitive in a more fragmented global economy?

Prizes (both categories):

- First prize: RM1,000
- Second prize: RM800
- Third prize: RM600

Submission form: forms.cloud.microsoft/r/nGPKBu7q73

Closing date: 14 August 2026

Open to schools or higher education institutions across Asia

- Pre-University: Any pre-university programme or high school students
- Undergraduate: All undergraduate students

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