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TOURNAMENT REPORT

MCF KUPTM NATIONAL HYBRID ONLINE INDIVIDUAL OPEN & CHALLENGER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In the early stages, the event was to be run as MCF National Hybrid Individual Open Chess Championship 2020. However, due to resurgence of COVID cases in Quarter 4 of 2020, the event was pushed to a later date in 2021.
- In January 2021, KUPTM came on board as co organizer for the event, offering its Campus in Taman Shamelin Perkasa as one of the Hybrid Center for the event.
- The initial 24 Hybrid Centers that were used in the earlier Hybrid events were again offered to take part in the event however, as it was school holidays, the independent Hybrid Centers set up by schools – MRSM and SRAI, opted to skip the event. For the event, 17 Hybrid Centers were used with three (3) namely in Sibul, Kota Kinabalu and Kangar, did not manage to attract any players to play.
- As the day of the event draws closer, a few more centers had expressed their interest to be part of the Hybrid Network but in view that the existing centers are yet to be filled, the additional opening of Hybrid Centers were put on hold.
- With FIDE allowing the Hybrid event to be FIDE Rated, the event was submitted for Rating to FIDE in March 2021.
- In our effort to attract more players to participate in the event, and to offer better chances for players to win prizes, the event was separated into two(2) playing categories – Open (for players above ELO 1800) and Challenger (for those below ELO 1800).
- A total of 126 players took part in the event (34 players in the Open and 92 players in the Challenger), which was lower than the targeted 250 players for the event.
- Despite the lower number of players and the short span of time to promote the event, many players were satisfied with the way the event was being organized.
- Many Arbiters and Officials feel that the Hybrid playing concept is the best way to mitigate issues created by Online event (playing from home) as players may resort to getting help from other players or computers to play their game.

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Event Date	31 st March to 4 th April 2021
Events Days	Wednesday to Sunday
Number of Rounds	9 Rounds Swiss System
Event Discipline	Standard Classical
Time Control	110 minutes + 10 sec

Playing Platform	www.tornelo.com	
Total Participants	Open	34 players
	Challenger	92 players
Hybrid Centers	16 Hybrid Centers (MCF)	
	1 Hybrid Center (Sponsored)	
Event Status	FIDE Rated	

Prize Fund	Open	RM 5,000
	Challenger	RM 3,000
Sponsor	FIDE PDC Fund	RM 7,990.80
	FT Ministry	RM 5,000.00
	KUPTM Campus	In Kind - Venue

EVENT OVERVIEW

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Highlights and Lowlights

Highlights

- First Standard FIDE Rated event after an absence of more than a year
- Our Co-Organizer – College University Poly Tech MARA, offered their premise as a Hybrid Center which can host up to 50 players
- We had at least 4 centers/establishment that wanted to set up new Hybrid centers
- Most Hybrid Centers are now familiar with the Hybrid Setup which makes it easier to manage and handle the various sites.
- Unfamiliarity with COS/KBS application process which also includes requirement for organizer to apply for Group insurance coverage.

Lowlights

- Due to the tight dateline, responses for the event was lower
- As it was school break, the earlier schools that had joined us in the earlier Hybrid events were not able to participate
- As Interstate travelling was still restricted, there were challenges for players to choose their preferred Hybrid location
- As this is the first time a Classical event is being played online for Malaysia, it was a new experience for many Arbiters and Players
- Due to strict regulatory requirement, it took almost 3 weeks for the event to be approved by the authorities

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Challenges and Point for Improvement

Challenges

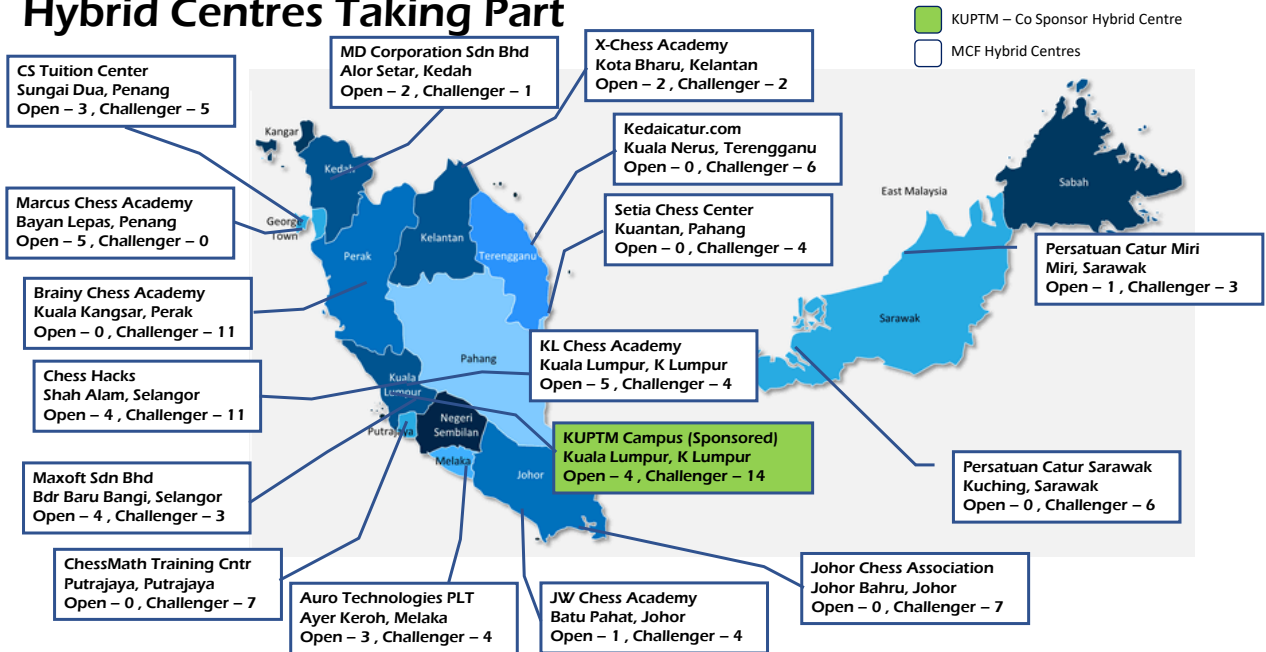
- The COVID19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown in many states remains as the main challenge in planning the exact date(s) for the event.
- As this is the first time a Classical Time Control with longer playing hours is used for Hybrid Online event, the team notices a few flaws and improvement that needs to be implemented and reported to Tornelo platform team.
- Unstable internet connection at certain Hybrid centers continue to provide challenges for players to get a stable connection
- Many players are not familiar with the Tornelo playing platform

Points for Improvement

- Provide a longer runaway in submitting application for COS/KBS approval
- Better costing method need to be employed to optimize the expenses
- Aspire to digitalize the registration process to avoid and minimize errors
- Engage more sponsors to help reduce Operations cost
- Engage more media channels to promote event

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Hybrid Centres Taking Part



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Planned, Revised and Actual

- The original plan for the National Hybrid Online Individual Open Chess Championship 2020 was to run in a single category event using a Standard Time control of 60 minutes + 10 seconds. Having organized two (2) rapid Hybrid events earlier – for the Ladies and Juniors, the use of a standard time control was to stretch the capability of the Hybrid Center in managing events with longer time controls – in maintaining internet stability and connectivity, and to understand the challenges faced by the player when playing long games via computer screen.
- In response to FIDE's recommendation for Hybrid event to be rated, the time control was increased to 110 minutes + 10 seconds to allow for stronger players with 2200++ FIDE Rating to take part for it to be accepted for rating submission.
- With the new time control taking effect, the number of days for the event was increased to 5 days with 2 rounds per day except for the first day when there was only a single round played.
- With the change of the event format, the initial RM 10,850 budget was increased to more than RM 30,000 to make way for a higher prize money allocation, and rental of Hybrid Centers to run the event.

DESCRIPTION	PLANNED	REVISED 1	REVISED 2	ACTUAL
Dates	29 Oct - 1 Nov	22 Jan - 24 Jan	19 Mar to 28 Mar	31 Mar to 4 Apr
Days	3 days	3 days	5 days	5 days
Discipline	Classical	Classical	Classical	Classical
Format	9 Round Swiss	9 Round Swiss	9 Round Swiss	9 Round Swiss
Playing Category	Single Category	Single Category	Open & Challenger	Open & Challenger
Time Control	60 min + 10 secs	60 min + 10 secs	100 min + 20 secs	110 min + 10 secs
Prize Fund	RM 4,000.00	RM 3,000.00	RM 8,000.00	RM 7,740.00
Remarks			FIDE Rated	FIDE Rated

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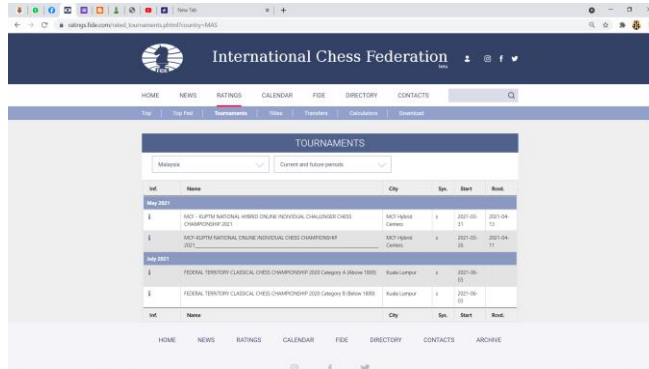


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EVENT LISTED as FIDE RATED

https://ratings.fide.com/rated_tournaments.phtml?country=MAS

The MCF KUPTM Hybrid Online Individual Open and Challenger Chess Championship 2021 is listed in the International Chess Federation (FIDE) website calendar as a FIDE Rated International status event where players will have the opportunity to earn rating points to improve their global ranking.



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Tournament details
The full list of Malaysia tournaments received for May 2021

Name	Fed	Tit	Rc	Rp	W	N	C	Ch
5734088 Pok, Yu Tian	MAS	1823		8.00	9	0		
5710413 Tan, Jun Ying	MAS	1891		7.00	9	0		
5701104 Che Hassan, Abdullah	MAS	1865		6.50	9			
5739047 Kavin, Mohan	MAS	1582		5.50	9			
5786550 Tan, Yi Xun	MAS	1654						
393200070 Julmiri, Muhammad Zulfaqar Bin Ab	MAS	1779						
5714958 Akhramsyah Muammar Ubaidah, Aqil	MAS	1683						
5717450 Di, Xu Wei	MAS	1709						
5749115 Revinthran, Darshan	MAS	1757						
5783810 Shahar, Uzair	MAS	1717						
5716942 Tin, Shan Ze	MAS	1717						
5712653 Tin, Shan Wen	MAS	1717						
5703638 Lim, Wei Sheng	MAS	1717						
5729270 Yeoh, Yuan Hai	MAS	1717						
5747481 Lim, Jing Hing	MAS	1717						
5792231 Chay, Joon Hoong	MAS	1717						
5793068 Cheah, Zong Ze	MAS	1717						
5714966 Amirullah, Mhd Ali Asghar	MAS	1717						
715903 Lee, Sol-Hock	MAS	1717						
Johari, Mohd Johar	MAS	1717						
Chee Sian Sebastien	MAS	1717						
Mur Daie	MAS	1717						
Amirul Moinarrah	MAS	1206						
Abdullah, Mhd Fadhlullah	MAS	1206						
Farhah Nur Aisyah	MAS	1250						
Abd Rahim, Wan Mohd Azmie	MAS	1430						
Yong, Yu Hang	MAS	1513		3.50				
Mohd Faris, Hashya Nawwarah	MAS	1190		12.00	3.50			
Amir, Mhd Azmi, Ammar	MAS	1282		13.23	3.50			
20209 Lim, Kai Sheng Ian	MAS	1260		12.60	3.50			
92162 Mhd Nasruddin, Mhd Haziq	MAS	1265		12.65	3.00			
98985 Arman, Afeef Mikhaal	MAS	1342		13.62	3.00			
9207 Lee, Ru Rui	MAS	1407		14.07	3.00			
Mohd Azmi, Ammar	MAS	1278		13.78	3.00	4	0	
22834 Md Sami, Zamani	MAS	1114		11.14	3.00	3		
9813229 Mhd Bustamanizan, Nureen Darwisy	MAS	1249		11.92	2.50	6	0	
9190 Ganesh, Linggeswary	MAS	1419		14.19	2.50	4		
5801115 Mohd Faris, Ibroh Nawwarah	MAS	1300		12.43	2.50	6		
723434 Teh, Yi-Lynn	MAS	1403		14.03	2			

EVENT APPROVED and CALCULATED FOR FIDE RATING

- The MCF KUPTM Hybrid Online Individual Open and Challenger Chess Championship 2021 has been approved for Rating Calculation by FIDE. Players and Officials can view New Ratings for all the players that were involved in the tournament.
- Open Rating Report at: <https://ratings.fide.com/report.phtml?event=256789>
- Challenger Rating Report at: <https://ratings.fide.com/report.phtml?event=256792>

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COSTING ELEMENT	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
Hybrid Costing	RM 6,100.00	
Site Arbiter Costing	RM 7,300.00	
TOTAL HYBRID COST		RM 13,400.00
CENTRAL TEAM COST		RM 2,800.00
Open Prize Fund	RM 5,000.00	
Challenger Prize Fund	RM 2,740.00	
TOTAL PTRIZE FUND		RM 7,740.00
FIDE RATING COST		RM 1,630.00
INSURANCE COST		RM 1,059.40
TOTAL COST		RM 26,629.40
FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
PDC FUND (FIDE)	RM 7,990.17	
FT MINISTRY FUND	RM 5,000.00	
COLLECTION	RM 11,180.00	
MCF TOP UP	RM 2,459.23	
TOTAL		RM 26,629.40
ACCOUNT BALANCE		RM -



Financial Overview

The final costing reflected minimal impact to MCF accounts – having to cover RM 2,459.23 of the overall cost due to the lower number of participants playing in the event. Further, due to many Hybrid Centers not filling up to capacity, and a lower number of players signing up to play at the sponsored venue provided in kind by KUTPM, the cost to manage the Hybrid Centers (and its Arbiters) accounted for more than 50% of the total cost to manage the event to completion. MCF to review the costing to make sure that that costing for venues will be more manageable and at a lower percentage in order to optimize operations cost.

Tournament Report & The Winners List



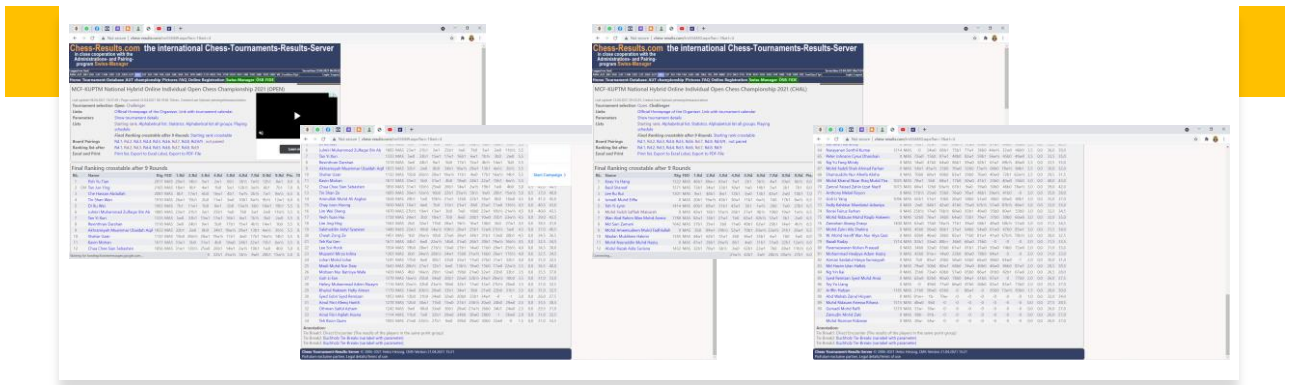
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**31st March to 4th April 2021
(Wednesday to Sunday)
9 Rounds Swiss
110 minutes + 10 seconds
RM 8,000 Cash Prizes**

**A FIDE Rated Event
Closing Date: on or before 12:00noon 28th March**

Funded By: Endorsed By: Powered By:

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Tournament Results (Open & Challenger Categories)

Chess-Result web link:

Open Results

- <http://chess-results.com/tnr554449.aspx?lan=1&art=4>

Challenger Results

- <http://chess-results.com/tnr554450.aspx?lan=1&art=0>

Malaysian Chess Federation web page:

- <https://malaysiachess.org/news/mcf-kutpm-event-concludes/>

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**OPEN
CHAMPION**
POH, YU TIAN
12 Years Old
Penang

Rank	Name	Rtg	Pts	POSITION
1	Poh, Yu Tian	2017	8	CHAMPION
2	Tan, Jun Ying	2165	7	2nd
3	Che Hassan, Abdullah	2087	6½	3rd
4	Tin, Shan Wen	1910	6	4th
5	Di, Xu Wei	1903	5½	5th
6	Julmiri, Muhammad Zulfaqr Bin Ab	1885	5½	6th
7	Tan, Yi Xun	1333	5½	7th
8	Revinthran, Darshan	1518	5½	8th
9	Akhramsyah Muammar Ubaidah, Aqil	1833	5½	9th
10	Shahar, Uzair	1132	5½	10th
11	Kavin, Mohan	1617	5½	BEST U12
13	Tin, Shan Ze	1605	5	BEST U16
14	Amirullah, Muhd Ali Asghar	1658	4½	BEST U1800
15	Chay, Joon Hoong	1650	4½	BEST VET
18	Lim, Jing Hng	1563	4½	BEST U1600
23	Muzamil, Mirza Irdina	1303	4	BEST LADY
24	Johari, Mohd Johar	1241	4	BEST PARA

WINNERS LIST

Open Category

<https://malaysiachess.org/news/hybrid-event-completed/>

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WINNERS LIST

Challenger Category

<https://malaysiachess.org/news/hybrid-event-completed/>

Rank	Name	Rtg	Pts	POSITION
1	Koay, Yu Hang	1322	8	Champion
2	Basil, Shareef	1571	8	2nd
3	Lee, Ru Rui	1301	7	3rd
4	Ismadi, Muhd Eilfie	0	6½	4th
5	Teh, Yi-Lynn	1414	6½	BEST LADY
6	Mohd Fadzli, Saffiah Maisarah	0	6½	BEST UR
7	Wan Abd Rahim, Wan Mohd Azmie	1788	6½	5th
8	Md Sani, Zamani	1642	6½	6th
9	Mohd Ameenudeen, Muhd Fadhlullah	0	6½	BEST U16
10	Mazlan, Mukhles Hakimi	1345	6	BEST U 1400
11	Muhd Nasruddin, Muhd Haziq	0	6	BEST U12
12	Abdul Razak, Aida Suriana	1432	6	BEST U 1600
13	Mohd Azman, Fariyah Nur Aisyah	0	6	7th
14	Mohd Faizal, Muhd Harris Halief	1109	6	BEST U 1200
15	Hirman, Adam Faris	1081	6	8th
16	Mohd Fadzly, Muhd Haziq Fikri	1277	6	9th
17	M Mohd Nur, Megat Muhd Irfan	1285	6	10th
18	Mohd Azizul, Ammar	0	6	2nd UR
19	Muhd Ridzuan, Ariel Redza	1232	5½	2nd U12
21	Mohd Faris, Hashsya Nawwarah	0	5½	2nd LADY
22	Mohd Fadzly, Muhd Hariz Fikri	1161	5½	3rd U12
23	Lim, Kai Sheng Ian	0	5½	3rd UR
25	Mohsen, Nur Basyira Wafa	1095	5½	2nd U16
28	Sim, Zi Kang Kevin	1143	5	3rd U16
76	Zamahari, Abang Draup	1400	3	BEST VET

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CONCLUSION

Despite the lower-than-expected turnout, the event is considered a success considering it to be the first Hybrid Online event that had used the longer Classical time control

While Hybrid Online tournament format may not significantly reduce organizers cost to manage event – in view of the number of Hybrid Centres and Local Arbiters that need to be employed, it contributes to the reduction of players' cost in terms of travelling, accommodation and time.

It will still take some time for the chess community to accept Hybrid Online tournament format as an acceptable new norm in organizing high level quality events.

With more world events organized by FIDE are conducted via Hybrid format, its popularity and acceptance will gradually grow as a viable alternative for chess organizing.

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List of Registered Hybrid Centers

LOCATION	CENTER NAME	PLAYERS
JOHOR BAHRU	Johor Chess Association	7
BATU PAHAT 1	JW Chess Academy	5
ALOR SETAR	Md Star Corporation Sdn Bhd	3
KOTA BHARU	X Chess Academy	4
KUALA LUMPUR	KI Chess Academy	9
KUPTM KUALA LUMPUR	Kolej Universiti Poly-Tech MARA	18
AYER KEROH	Auro Technologies Plt	7
KUANTAN	Setia Chess Center	4
KUALA KANGSAR	Brainy Chess Academy	11
BAYAN LEPAS	Marcus Chess Academy	5
SUNGAI DUA	CS Tuition Center	8
PUTRAJAYA	Chessmaths Training Centre (Cmtc)	7
MIRI	Persatuan Catur Bahagian Miri	4
KUCHING	Persatuan Catur Negeri Sarawak	6
BANDAR BARU BANGI	Maxoft Sdn. Bhd.	7
SHAH ALAM	Chess Hacks (MCF Head Office)	15
KUALA NERUS	Kedaicatur.Com	6
TOTAL PLAYERS		126

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Persatuan Catur Negeri Johor
JOHOR BAHRU

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Maxoft Sdn Bhd
BANDAR BARU BANGI



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Persatuan Catur Bandar Miri
MIRI

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Kuala Lumpur Chess Academy
HARTAMAS

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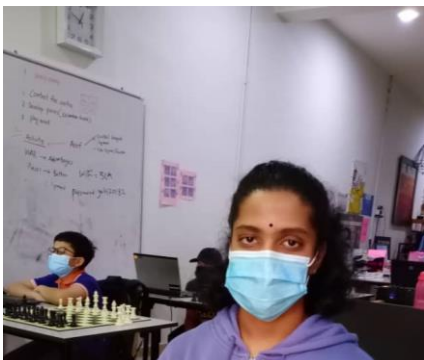


Brainy Chess Academy
KUALA KANGSAR

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JW Chess Academy
BATU PAHAT



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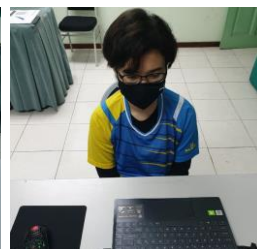
Marcus Chess Academy
BAYAN LEPAS

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Persatuan Catur Negeri Sarawak **KUCHING**

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X-Chess Academy
**KOTA
BHARU**



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Auro Technologies PLT
AYER KEROH

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Setia Chess Center
KUANTAN





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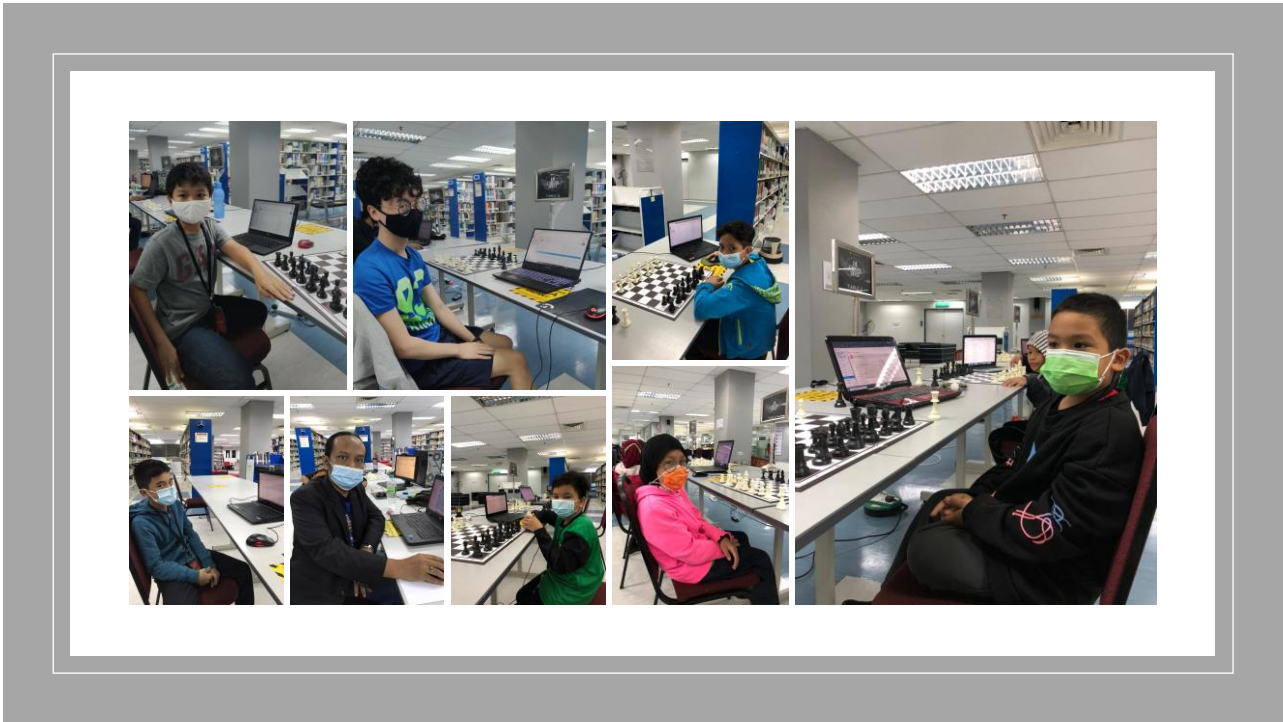
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