

DOUGLAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN ROBOT-MAKING COMPETITION



Kevin O'Leary, Robert O'Reilly, Abdullah Khan and Shahrulk Mawaz, members of the Douglas Community School team which won the Cork Electronic Industry Association Schools Robotic Competition, with teacher Catriona Barrett and Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin TD. Pictured right are Shahrulk Nawz and Abdullah Kham programming the robot software.



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**A GROUP** of students from Douglas have come out tops in a secondary school robot-making competition.

Students from Douglas Community School were victorious in the Lego Robot Competition sponsored by Cork Electronic Industry Association (CEIA). They had strong opposition in a tense final from Bandon Grammar School, who won the competition for the previous two years.

The winning team received a Logitech laptop for their school and each team member

also received a Logitech Squeezebox Boom.

The team from Coláiste Choilm showed a skill for circuit design and took the prize for the most innovative electronic beacon.

New entrants Coláiste an Phiarsaigh, Glanmire, won the prize for best project presentation, with a very professional entry as Gaelge.

The competition, which is now in its fifth year, is undertaken in conjunction with University College Cork, Cork Institute of Technology, the Tyndall National Institute and the support of CEIA member

companies. The aim of the CEIA Lego Robot competition is to find and encourage those talented students who have an interest in engineering, science or technology fields and to increase the uptake of electrical and electronic engineering courses.

For the past four months, second-year students from 16 schools have been busy building and programming Lego robots to complete specified tasks, using a kit supplied by CEIA.

A key aspect of the competition is that engineers, researchers and technologists

from these institutes provide mentor support for the teams and this is a wonderful opportunity to give the students an insight into potential careers in the industry.

The final of the competition took place at the Maryborough Hotel last week, to coincide with Engineering Week.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin attended the final. Minister Martin encouraged the students to continue to pursue their interest in technology related subjects and praised them for their curiosity, creativity and technical ability.



The Bandon Grammar School team of Joe Davies, Adrian Coleman, Mathew Reynolds and Naymatullah Morshed, with Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin, TD. Picture: John Lottly



The team from Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig, Lorcan Geaney, Kamran Hennessey, Patrick O'Sullivan and David Dennehy with Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin. Picture: John Lottly