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The best of digital natives were decided at the Grand Finals of the National Software Competition (NSC) organised by Singapore Polytechnic's School of Digital Media & Infocomm Technology (SP-DMIT) and the Infocomm Development Authority (IDA). The annual competition, now in its 25th run, aims to challenge students' infocomm skills and develop their creativity in the use of infocomm. The NSC is one of the key challenges in IDA's National Infocomm Competition (NIC) circuit.

The competition saw 60 teams formed by students from secondary schools and junior colleges competing for top placing in three categories. For the first time this year, the competition was also open to students from international schools. The categories are:

#### Algorithm Contest (Secondary & JC)

How to write a procedure to solve a problem using computer language.

#### Lego Challenge

How to develop a program and download it to the robots created by SP students.

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The top winners of the 25th NSC were:

Lego Challenge	Junyuan Secondary School
IT Quiz	Maris Stella High School
Algorithm Contest (Secondary)	Hwa Chong Institution (High School)
Algorithm Contest (JC)	Raffles Institution (Junior College)

Simultaneously, the ceremony also presented the winners of the Blogging Competition, also organised by SP-DMIT, held in support of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games 2010.

Mr Poh Wei Beng, Sec 1 Cohort Head/Infocomm Club Teacher-in-Charge, Zhonghua Secondary School: "I do want to compliment you for a good competition held last Saturday at Singapore Polytechnic. Being a new teacher-in-charge of Infocomm Club this year and participating in this competition for the first time, I am impressed by the overall organization of the competition.

My boys agreed that they had a great time going through the IT quiz and gaining experience in the finals, not forgetting the prizes and trophies, food and gifts that you have provided for us. We are looking forward to next year and hopefully we can participate in this competition again.

Appreciate the hard work and time spent in making this event a success."

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### About National Software Competition (NSC) and National Infocomm Competition (NIC)

The National Software Competition (NSC) is an annual infocomm competition started in 1986. It has been organised and hosted by the Ministry of Education (MOE) for 19 years before SP took over the baton in 2004. In 2006, the 22<sup>nd</sup> NSC was organised as one of the ten challenges of the inaugural National Infocomm Competition. Since then it has remained as one of the challenges of the NIC.

The National Infocomm Competition is a multi-themed inter-school challenge created to uncover top infocomm talent in Singapore. Divided into three circuits - secondary schools, junior colleges and ITE/polytechnics – the competition will encompass challenges focused on areas such as business IT, digital media, mobile technology, security & networking and more.

Supported by Ministry of Education, the NIC is organised by IDA and the following organisations including National Technological University, National University of Singapore, Singapore Institute of Management, Singapore Management University, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Nanyang Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic, Institute of Technical Education, Information Technology Standards Committee, Singapore Computer Society and Singapore Science Centre.



Lego Challenge Champion – Junyuan Secondary



IT Quiz Champion – Maris Stella High



Audience participation in the IT Quiz section.



Algorithm Contest (Secondary) Champion – Hwa Chong Institution (High School)



Algorithm Contest (JC) Champion – Raffles Institution (Junior College)



Competition in progress in the Algorithm Contest (Secondary) section.