

Pilot Guidelines for the 2026 Global Secondary School Project-Based Inquiry Competition

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I. Purpose

1. To cultivate students' curiosity in inquiry-based projects and their capacity for self-directed learning.
2. To develop students' abilities in problem definition, information searching, information evaluation and use, deep reading, organizing research findings, and problem solving.
3. To enhance students' skills in academic writing and oral presentation of inquiry project outcomes.

II. Organizing Committees

1. **Organizers:**
 - The Association of Global Industry Academia Collaboration Malaysia
 - University Alliance in Talent Education Development (UAiTED)
 - Chung Yuan Christian University
 - National Taiwan Normal University
2. **Executing Units:**
 - Chang Ching Yu Memorial Library, Chung Yuan Christian University
 - UAiTED Secretariat
 - The Association of Global Industry Academia Collaboration Malaysia
 - Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies, National Taiwan Normal University
 - Research Center for Psychological and Educational Testing, NTNU
3. **Co-organizer:**
 - National Library of Public Information (Taiwan)

III. Eligibility

Invited high school students from Malaysian Secondary Schools, Taiwanese senior high schools, and from Secondary 4 to Junior College in Singapore.

IV. Competition Schedule

1. **Preliminary Round**

- **Registration Period:**

January 12, 2026 – April 30, 2026.

Teams selected to advance to the final round will be announced on the competition website on June 1, 2026.

- **Registration Website:**
<https://services.lib.cycu.edu.tw/gsssic2026/#glogin>

2. Final Round

- **Final Round Registration Deadline:**
June 8, 2026 (teams selected for the final round need to register only; non-selected teams will not be notified)
- **Registration Website:**
<https://services.lib.cycu.edu.tw/gsssic2026/#glogino>
- **Final Round Dates:**
June 27–28, 2026

3. Award Announcement

Award-winning teams in the final round will be announced on the official competition website.

V. Competition Format

This competition consists of two stages:

1. **Preliminary Round:**
Online registration and document review. Participants must upload their inquiry project report in PDF format to the registration website. Reports will be reviewed and scored by invited scholars and experts.
2. **Final Round:**
Teams advancing to the final round must prepare presentation slides and a live online presentation. Presentations can follow the spirit of the *3-Minute Thesis (3MT)* style—clear and concise—but each team will be given **5 minutes** for their presentation.

VI. Submission Guidelines

1. Project topics are open. Students are encouraged to independently select inquiry topics related to **SDGs** or **ESG**, and to write the project report in **Chinese or English**. Teams advancing to the final round may choose to present in **either Chinese or English**.
2. The project report must be written on A4-sized pages, limited to **10 pages of main text** (excluding cover page and team member list), submitted in **PDF format**. The total file size (including images) must not exceed **5 MB**.
3. Participation is **team-based**. Each school may submit up to **five teams**, with **2–4 students per team**. Cross-school and cross-national teams are welcome; however, the registering school must be one of the participating pilot schools, and the team will count toward its quota. Registration must be coordinated by the registering school person in charge.
4. The project report must include:
 - Project title
 - Team members
 - Supervising teacher(s)
 - School name
 - Abstract (Chinese and English)
 - Keywords (Chinese and English)
 - Introduction (research background and research questions)
 - Literature review
 - Research methods
 - Research results
 - Conclusions and recommendationsCitations and references must follow **APA 7th edition** format.
5. All submissions will be checked using plagiarism-detection software. Failure to follow academic ethics, including improper citation or lack of citation, will affect preliminary-round scores.
6. **Additional Notes:**
 - Submissions that do not comply with the above rules will be deemed ineligible.
 - Participants bear full legal responsibility for any infringement of intellectual property rights.
 - Any matters not specified herein will be decided by the organizing committee. The regulations may be revised in future years based on the outcomes of the pilot run.

VII. Evaluation Criteria

Preliminary Round Evaluation (either Chinese or English)

Item	Description	Weight
Abstract & Introduction	Abstract (200–300 words) includes research questions, methods, results, and value; introduction includes background, motivation, problem awareness, and research purpose/questions.	20%
Literature Review	Relevance, objectivity, systematic presentation, and correctness of concepts.	10%
Research Methods	Clarity of research design, appropriateness of methods and procedures.	15%
Research Analysis & Results	Logical analysis, appropriate interpretation of results, accuracy of tables and figures.	20%
Conclusions & Recommendations	Conclusions address research questions; recommendations are appropriate.	20%
Citation Format & References	Correct format, proper citation, and complete references.	5%
Process & Teamwork Description	100-word description of inquiry process and team collaboration.	10%

Final Round Evaluation (either Chinese or English)

Item	Weight
Presentation Content	40%
Visual Design	10%
Oral Delivery	20%
Time Management	10%
Teamwork	15%
Creativity	5%

VIII. Awards

- **Outstanding Award (2 teams):**
NT\$20,000 + Certificate
- **Excellent Award (3 teams):**
NT\$15,000 + Certificate

- **Merit Award (4 teams):**
NT\$10,000 + Certificate
- **Selected Award (6 teams):**
NT\$3,000 + Certificate

Supervising teachers of the above award-winning teams will each receive **NT\$3,000** and a certificate of recognition.

All participants will receive a **Certificate of Participation**, regardless of award status.

IX. Use of Award-Winning Works

The final round will be fully recorded. By registering for the competition, participants agree to be recorded and grant permission for the organizers to edit and publish the recordings on the project website, YouTube, or other related platforms for promotional or non-profit purposes.

Teams receiving Outstanding, Excellent, or Merit Awards must submit both **Word** and **PDF** versions of their project reports for promotional use and publication editing by the organizers.