The iSpark International Pitching Competition 2025

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DuriCap

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About
iSpark International Pitching Competition (IIPC)

Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT) is proud to introduce the iSpark International Pitching Competition (IIPC), a flagship entrepreneurship incubation initiative designed to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and cross-border collaboration among universities in the ASEAN and China region.

The IIPC provides a dynamic platform for aspiring entrepreneurs from regional universities to pitch innovative ideas, gain access to mentoring and incubation support, and connect with the potential investors and industry partners.

About
DuriCap (The Silver Award)

An innovative agro-tech initiative that transforms discarded durian peels into high-quality, plant-based hard capsules shell, offering a sustainable, clean-label alternative to animal-derived gelatin. By extracting pectin from agricultural waste, DuriCap creates a superior delivery system specifically engineered to protect sensitive probiotics from harsh stomach acid, ensuring they reach the intestines for maximum efficacy. This "Zero Waste" approach not only addresses the environmental burden of massive fruit waste but also aligns with Global Sustainability Goals (SDGs 3, 9, and 12) by fostering a circular economy and advancing bio-based industry infrastructure.

Day 1

November 25, 2025

First Encounter with the International Stage

My journey began with arrival at Jiangxi Vocational College of Foreign Studies, where I officially registered for the IIPC competition. Receiving the competition materials made the event feel real and intense.

Later that evening, the Final Draw and venue rehearsal took place. Standing on the actual stage helped me visualize our presentation and adjust my mindset from preparation mode to performance mode, which was crucial for building confidence.

Day 2

November 26, 2025

Pressure, Performance, and Pride

The second day was the most challenging and memorable. Under the theme "Collective Intelligence, Global Connectivity," I presented our project alongside teams from seven countries in a highly competitive environment.

Despite the pressure, our team successfully delivered the pitch and achieved **9th place out of 30 teams**, securing a position in the **Top 10.** The day concluded with an awards ceremony and networking dinner with international participants.

Day 3

November 27, 2025

Cultural Reflection and Farewell

After the competition, the program shifted toward cultural exchange. Visiting **Tengwang Pavilion** gave me a deeper appreciation for Jiangxi's history and traditional Chinese architecture.

Before leaving Nanchang, I spent time exploring local crafts and souvenirs. This final activity gave me time to reflect on the experience and the personal growth I gained from participating in an international competition.

“As the only team from Thailand, we embraced the challenge through unconventional thinking and rigorous refinement of our work. The competition served as a global gateway, offering invaluable cultural exchanges and insights from the world's brightest minds. Furthermore, witnessing the cutting-edge technology within China’s academic landscape was truly inspiring. This journey was more than a competition—it was a significant milestone in our personal and professional growth.”

From Maysa