

## **S'pore to participate in Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition**

SINGAPORE: For the first time, Singapore will take part in the prestigious Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition in August 2008. The team to represent the Republic was picked from the Singapore Junior Water Prize competition held on Monday.

The winning team came from NUS High School of Mathematics and Science where a group of students designed a device that desalinates water. Their aim was to get clean water through an innovative system based on thermal distillation.

The winning team beat five other finalists for the top prize. The competition attracted 56 teams from 24 secondary schools, junior colleges and polytechnics. The participants were students between 15 and 20 years old.



Besides its simplicity, the judges also considered how the project could help in the aftermath of disasters.

Professor Ng Wun Jern, chairman of the judging panel, said: "Aside from being able to be applied for large-scale desalination eventually, what I think is interesting about this project is its immediate relevance, which is the possibility of developing this technology into something that can be used for disaster relief. It is something simple, something that people who have been badly affected by disasters can use on their own very quickly."

The winning team received S\$5,000 in cash and a trip to Stockholm. - CNA/vm