

"SINGAPORE CHALLENGE: THE SCIENCE OF FUTURE CITIES" TERMS
OF PARTICIPATION

## PLEASE READ THESE TERMS OF PARTICIPATION CAREFULLY.

- 1. The "Singapore Challenge: The Science of Future Cities" ("the Competition") is organized by the Agency for Science, Technology and Research ("A\*STAR"). A\*STAR invites researchers worldwide to propose technology-driven solutions to the challenge posed. Details of the challenge are available on the Competition website at <a href="www.science50.com.sg">www.science50.com.sg</a> (the "Website"). The participants of the Competition (the "Participants") will be awarded cash prizes for best entries developed by Participants, as determined by the Competition's appointed panel of judges.
- 2. To enter the Competition, each Participant shall submit their entry ("Competition entry" or "Competition entries" respectively) online on the Website by using the Competition entry link on <a href="www.science50.com.sg">www.science50.com.sg</a> ("Competition entry form"). No other methods of entry will be accepted. Each Competition entry must be in the English language and submitted in digital format. The Competition entry shall be in any or a combination of the following forms essay, animated presentation, video, or computer model with associated visualization. All non-essay based entries should be accompanied by a write-up on the proposed solution. In addition to the Competition entry, Participants are also required to furnish their curriculum vitae.
- 2a. A\*STAR shall not be responsible for Competition entry forms which are lost, misdirected, fail to enter into the processing system, or are processed, reported, or transmitted late or incorrectly or are lost for any reason including any electronic, computer or communication malfunction or error, or the inability to access the Website or any website associated with this Competition.



- 2b. All Participants are required to fill in their personal particulars accurately in the Competition entry form. Competition entry forms with incomplete or invalid details will be disqualified immediately.
- 2c. Participants are allowed to submit more than one entry. In the event that A\*STAR receives two identical or very similar Competition entries by two different Participants (as determined by the appointed panel of judges), only the Competition entry from the Participant who submitted the entry first in time will be accepted for entry into the Competition.
- 2d. Submitted Competition entries with content deemed as irrelevant or offensive by A\*STAR will be removed and rendered disqualified at A\*STAR's sole discretion. Without limiting the foregoing, A\*STAR reserves the right to disqualify submitted Competition entries which (a) are considered to be spam; (b) contain vulgar language or violence; (c) contain pornography, obscenity; and/or (d) are, in A\*STAR's view, of inappropriate nature to be published on the internet.
- 3. Participants may take part in the Competition on an individual basis only. A\*STAR will not accept any team-based Competition entry for the Competition.
- 4. By participating in the Competition through submitting an entry, the Participant shall be deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by all these "Singapore Challenge: The Science of Future Cities" Terms of Participation set out herein, which are made available at the Competition website. A\*STAR shall have the sole discretion at any time to postpone or change any date or venue, or to revise any rules, terms and/or conditions relating to the Competition, including the Terms of Participation, by posting the same on the Competition website and the Participants shall be bound by any such revisions. If this Competition is, for any reason whatsoever, not capable of proceeding as planned, A\*STAR reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel, postpone, or modify the Competition without assigning any reason.



# **Competition Period**

5. Registration of interest closes on 1 May 2015 at 1200 hours SGT and submission ends on 1 June 2015, 2359 hours SGT. A\*STAR reserves the right to extend the deadline of the Competition if required and also reserves the right not to consider any late submissions.

## **Eligibility**

6a. Subject to Clause 6(b) below, the Competition is open to participation by all persons except for:

- individuals who are employees of A\*STAR and A\*STAR Affiliates (for the purpose of this Terms of Participation, A\*STAR's Affiliates shall mean Exploit Technology Pte Ltd and all research institutes and centres funded and managed by A\*STAR); and
- unless otherwise approved by A\*STAR, any other individuals who are involved in administering or organising the Competition.
- 6b. Any Person who is currently studying at an institute of higher learning is eligible to participate in the Competition provided the said person is eighteen (18) years of age and above as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
- 6c. Any breach of this Clause 6(a) or 6(b) shall be deemed as a breach of condition and the Participant would automatically be disqualified from this Competition.
- 6d. A\*STAR reserves the right to verify the validity of submissions at any time during or after the Competition, and shall have the sole discretion at any time and for any reason to reject or disqualify any Competition entry, any Participant, and any winner without assigning any reason where the Organizer, in its sole discretion, suspects any misconduct, wrongdoing or impropriety by any such Participant.

## **Judging Format**

7. A panel of judges comprising representatives from A\*STAR's Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) and Biomedical Research Council (BMRC), and relevant government agencies invited by A\*STAR to be on this panel will be appointed to evaluate the entries. The panel of judges (whose decision is final) shall decide on the winners of the Competition.



### **Prizes**

8a. The top 10 winning submissions will be awarded S\$7000 cash each while the 11<sup>th</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup> winning entries will each receive S\$5000 cash, subject to the conditions stated in this Clause 7. Winners shall be solely responsible for any government tax applicable to prize monies.

8b. Participants with winning submissions will be required to attend the Scientific Conference (held from 16 to 17 September 2015) in Singapore to collect their prizes during the conference in person. More details on the conference can be found at the conference website www.science50.com.sq. Any Participant with winning submissions who do not collect their prize money in person during the Scientific Conference in Singapore is deemed to have forfeited the prize money and shall not have any other rights against A\*STAR in relation to the prize money or otherwise arising from their participation in the Competition.

8c. For Participants with winning submissions who are not residing in Singapore and have confirmed their attendance for the Scientific Conference:

- (i) assistance will be provided to such Participants upon their request to purchase economy return air-tickets, subject to availability of the same. Such assistance is subject to the said Participant duly authorising A\*STAR to: (a) make the purchase of the economy return air-tickets on their behalf; and (b) offset the fees payable for such purchase against the prize money to be awarded to the Participant; and
- (ii) Accommodation will be arranged and expenses paid for by A\*STAR for the nights of 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 provided the Participants stay at the accommodation assigned by A\*STAR, for ease of logistics and administration. Bussing services between the assigned accommodation arranged by A\*STAR and all event venues will be provided. For the avoidance of doubt, Participants who wish to arrange for their own alternative accommodation shall do so at their own cost and be responsible for making and paying for their own transportation arrangement.

8d. Participants with winning submissions will be required to present proof of their identity when they collect their prizes.



8e. Prizes are non-transferable, non-negotiable and non-exchangeable. Prizes will be given in the form of cheques.

# **Intellectual Property Rights**

9a. Each Participant acknowledges and hereby warrants that it is the sole author and owner of all rights, title and interest subsisting in their submitted Competition entries (including intellectual property rights) for the Competition entries submitted.

9b. Each Participant hereby warrants that (a) their submitted Competition entry is their original work and idea and that any rights or intellectual property subsisting in such work have not been assigned or licensed to any third party; and (b) their submitted Competition entry do not contain any confidential information (or confidential personal information or data) and do not infringe any third party's privacy or intellectual property rights.

9c. Each Participant shall retain any intellectual property rights subsisting in their Competition entry. However, each Participant hereby agrees to grant A\*STAR an irrevocable, perpetual, fully paid-up, royalty-free, non-exclusive worldwide license to use, display, broadcast, modify, summarise and communicate their respective Competition entry to the public and to any entities on any and all media whatsoever, for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not limited to) featuring them in websites or other media for publicity or educational purposes.

9d. Competition entries that do not fulfil the above criteria set out in this Clause 9 will be deemed ineligible and will be disgualified.

### **Publicity**

10a. Each Participant consents to participate in the publicity activities of A\*STAR in relation to the Competition or for other future publicity without any payment or compensation thereof.

10b. Each Participant consents to the public disclosure of his/her name, photographs, personal data and other details as submitted in the Competition entry form, as the case may be, for administering the Competition and for publicity purposes. Each Participant consents to the use of any data provided



by such Participant for any future publicity effort by A\*STAR or by any third party acting on behalf of A\*STAR, without any payment or compensation thereof. Such use includes, but is not limited to the following purposes:

- operating, administering and promoting the Competition;
- displaying the Participant's Competition entry on any media or community space; and
- for the issuing of any media release or media pitches with the Competition entries.

## **Liability and Indemnity**

11a. A\*STAR will exercise reasonable care in handling the entries submitted. However, they will not be liable for any loss of entries.

11b. A\*STAR shall not be responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, or for any technical or other error, delay, or unavailability of the Website that may occur in relation to this Competition. Neither shall A\*STAR be responsible for any damage caused to Participants (and each of them) as a result of accessing, obtaining or receiving any information or other material from the Website.

11c. A\*STAR does not make any express or implied representation or warranty as to anything associated with the Competition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, A\*STAR expressly disclaims any implied warranty, condition or representation that anything associated with the Competition corresponds with a particular description, is of a merchantable satisfactory quality, or is fit for a particular purpose.

11d. Each Participant shall be solely responsible for all claims, allegations or any assertions of any third party relating to their Competition entry and hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend A\*STAR and its respective directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all damages, costs and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable legal fees incurred in connection with, arising out of or under any such claims, allegations or assertions.

11e. Each Participant (including his or her heirs, parents, legal guardians, executor and/or administrators) hereby agrees to be fully liable to A\*STAR and their officers, employees and agents for any violation of confidentiality,



patent, copyright or any other intellectual property rights in the photographs and materials submitted and shall defend, indemnify and hold A\*STAR and each of their officers, employees and agents thereof harmless from and against any actions, claims, loss or damages for infringement or alleged infringement of such confidentiality, patent, copyright or any other intellectual property rights.

11f. Save for death or personal injuries caused by negligence, in no event shall A\*STAR whether as a breach of contract, tort or otherwise, be liable to Participants (and each of them) or to a third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, consequential damages, loss of profits or pure economic loss.

#### General

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12a. The decision of A\*STAR on all matters relating to the Competition, including the eligibility of Participants and the selection of the winners, is final and no correspondence on such matters will be entertained.

12b. A person who is not a party to these Terms of Participation shall have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act to enforce any of these Terms of Participation.

12c. In the event of any inconsistency between these Terms of Participation and any brochures, marketing or promotional materials relating to the Competition, these Terms of Participation, and all its subsequent variations, shall prevail.

12d. These Terms of Participation and all its subsequent variations shall be subject to, and governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Singapore, and all Participants hereby submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Singapore courts in the determination of any dispute arising in connection with the Competition.

