

**Students' Success In New York Boosts Malaysia's Image**  
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PADANG SERAI, July 23 (Bernama) -- The success of two students from a secondary school, here, in an international level contest on the environment, boosted the nation's image, especially residents of Kulim/Bandar Baharu district.

R.Sri Ahrivesh and S.M. Ramamurthi, both 14, won the bronze medal at the Genius Olympiad Global Environment Innovation 2012 at Oswega College, New York University, on June 24-30.

Their sole entry in the 'Interior Environment Design' category titled "Neighbours' Wonders" was an alarm system. A total of 700 participants worldwide took part in the competition.

According to Ramamurthi, he and Sri Ahrivesh took almost a month to create the alarm system, at a cost of RM300, which could be used by a group of three or four houses.

"If thieves enter a house, its resident will press his alarm button to trigger his neighbours' alarms while his own will stay silent. Alerted, the neighbours will act so the thieves are nabbed," he said when met at his house in Taman Desa Aman, here, Monday.

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