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## Malaysian team shortlisted for Airbus' Fly Your Ideas Challenge Final

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Students from Universiti Putra Malaysia will be battling against teams from Australia, Brazil, India and Italy in developing ideas for a more sustainable aviation industry for the future. Fly Your Ideas is a biennial international student competition held by Airbus. The winners will be announced at an exclusive ceremony at UNESCO's headquarters in Paris on 14th June 2013. UNESCO has given its patronage to the global competition which challenges students worldwide to develop innovative ideas for a more sustainable aviation industry for the future. This year's challenge inspired over 6,000 students from 82 countries to register with 618 teams submitting a proposal. The proposals had to cover one of six themes identified by Airbus as key 21st century challenges for a greener aviation industry. Team Embarker successfully passed through the eliminating rounds to get to the final with their proposal for a self-sustaining aircraft cabin concept in which the excess body heat from seated passengers is used as an alternative source of energy to power small electronics in the cabin. The team is composed of Malaysians Koo Teck Hock, Ong Thiam Chun, Teong Chee Khoon and the Team Leader Tan Kai Jun, all studying for a bachelors degree in Aerospace Engineering at Universiti Putra Malaysia. Charles Champion, Airbus' Executive Vice President, Engineering and Fly Your Ideas Patron, said "the entries were assessed by experienced Airbus engineers who were extremely impressed by the quality of work and innovation. These talented students from around the world represent the future of our industry and I am looking forward to welcoming them to Toulouse for the final round." This is not the first time a Malaysian team has made it to the finals; in 2011, team "Msia on Mars" from the Universiti Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Institute of Aviation Technology made it to the finals, with their idea of using biodegradable materials from Kapok tree fibres for thermal and acoustic insulation blankets used for aircraft cabins did not claim top prize, all team members were offered an internship opportunity at Airbus.