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AGE Paperless Homework in Malaysia a finalist in the prestigious Stockholm Challenge Award 2008

(Stockholm April 7, 2008) **The Kuala Lumpur based project AGE Paperless Homework – a new platform for a greener world, has been selected as a finalist in the Education category of the Stockholm Challenge Award 2008. For this achievement the project team has been invited to Challenge Week, May 19 – 22 in Stockholm, featuring the award dinner and ceremony, a series of workshops, conference and exhibition of ICT for development projects from over 50 countries.**

AGE Paperless Homework (www.paperlesshomework.com) was chosen as a finalist for its innovative ways of creating more or less paperless classrooms by the effective use of ICT in mass education, and for finding new ways to extend education to remote areas and third world countries. AGE Paperless Homework now has a chance of winning the Stockholm Challenge Education Trophy plus a prize award of 5.000 Euros.

“The Stockholm Challenge programme 2008 has been targeting ICT for Development projects globally”, says project manager *Ulla Skidén* and adds: “Great efforts have been put into the search for excellent examples of information and communication technologies, that show convincing benefits to people, communities and their environment. AGE Paperless Homework is such a project and therefore it deserves its place among this year’s finalists”.

This is how project manager *Alan Foo* describes some of AGE benefits:

“Our website provides multimedia modules that are easily downloaded. Redistributed and used offline. It is a solution that overcomes limited funds for many third world country projects. It gives teachers an active role in ICT in education, instead of merely allowing them to press "enter" keys showing CD ROM based contents. AGE also helps to solve the problems with shortages of contents and teachers in rural areas and third world countries. Another benefit with the AGE project is environmental. It helps to create a greener world, it spares the trees”.

The Stockholm Challenge Award is a leading ICT for Development Prize, since 1997. The winning projects in each of the six categories will be announced during the spectacular Gala Evening in the Stockholm City Hall on May 22.

The program for Challenge Event can be found here: <http://event.stockholmchallenge.se/>.

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The Stockholm Challenge is a biannual awards programme since 1994 when it was launched by the City of Stockholm. It is now owned by the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm and sponsored by the City of Stockholm, Ericsson and Sida.