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300 scientists, Nobel Prize winners to converge in Langkawi for ISPE-18

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Some of the 17 strategic partners of the International Symposium on Polymer Electrolytes (ISPE-18) Conference pose for a photo during the unveiling ceremony in Langkawi. -NSTP/HAMZAH OSMAN

LANGKAWI: Some 300 international renowned scientists and several Nobel Prize winners will converge on this island for the International Symposium on Polymer Electrolytes (ISPE-18) Conference this June.

The event marks a remarkable milestone for this country as Malaysia emerged as the first nation in the Southeast Asia region chosen to host the biennial international event, held for the first time in 1987.

ISPE-18 organising chairman Prof Dr Azizan Ahmad said the symposium will take place between June 23 to 28 at the Langkawi International Convention Centre (LICC) in Kuah.

"Among special arrangements for the ISPE-18 in Langkawi, we are also working with the Education Ministry to organise a competition on renewable energies such as wind, water and soil.

"We are also organising a mini-symposium for primary and secondary schools students to nurture future scientists in the country," he said in a press conference to unveil the ISPE-18 strategic partners at Adya Hotel here today.

Present were Permodalan Kedah Bhd chief executive officer Mohd Azad Jasmi, NanoMalaysia Bhd corporate affairs senior vice president Raja Riznal Raja Abidin; NQ Cultural Commercial Sdn Bhd chairman Dr Mazlan Goh Ahmad Goh and the Adya Hotel manager Syed Muhammad Firdaus Syed Putra.

Azizan said Malaysia won the bidding for the ISPE-18 hosting rights after securing 80 per cent votes from delegates who took part in the previous edition held in Canada two years ago.

He added that the organising committee engaged with at least 17 strategic partners to ensure that the ISPE-18 in Langkawi will emerge as the best and the biggest in its history.

Among the previous hosts for ISPE are Italy, France, the United States, Sweden, Japan, Australia, Poland, Brazil, Portugal and Iceland.