

5 lucky scientists

DOING US PROUD: They are first to join international research institutions CERN and IIASA

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FIVE young scientists will go down in Malaysian history as the first ones to do research projects with two prestigious institutions — International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and Organisation of European Nuclear Research (CERN).

Malaysian Science Academy president Tan Sri Ahmad Tajuddin Ali said yesterday the five were selected by the two institutions for the research projects.

“This is a unique opportunity for Malaysia, especially for the five youths.

“By collaborating with the two institutions, there will be bigger opportunities for research and alliances with other institutions.”

Tajuddin said two of the youths will be joining the IIASA Young

Scientists summer programme, while the remaining three would join the CERN Summer Student Programme.

The two heading to IIASA are Maragatham Kumar, 30, and 27-year-old Oh Pin Pin.

The three going to CERN are Mohammed Daniel Davis Muhammed, 23, Afiq Aizuddin Anuar, 22 and Siti Fatimah Mohd Raihan, 21.

All five youths will broaden their research interests by working in a disciplinary and multicultural research environment with an insight to an excellent research culture.

IIASA is an international research organisation with three core

areas — energy and climate change; water and food; and poverty and equity.

The world’s largest and most respected centre for scientific research, CERN’s primary focus is the fundamental physics in finding out about the universe.

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Malaysia and University of Nottingham Malaysia.



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