

Global chess challenge

> Sixty-eight international universities vie to be crowned champions

PETALING JAYA: Chess players from universities around the world will converge at Universiti Malaya for the 21st Grand Asian Chess Challenge (GACC).

A total of 68 universities, including those from China, Japan, Indonesia, Germany, Sri Lanka, India, Singapore and Malaysia will be taking part in the competition from Jan 15 to 24.

Malaysian universities will make up almost a third of the total number of competitors, with a total of 19 that include Universiti Malaya, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Universities from other countries include the National University of Singapore, the University of Qatar, University of Tokyo, Beijing Normal University, University of

Heidelberg and Delhi University.

The tournament will have four major categories:

- ▶ PriceAbuse.com Open Chess Championships 2017 (National-rated)
- ▶ PriceAbuse.com Open Age-Group Chess Championship 2017 (National-rated)
- ▶ GACC Open Team Chess Championship 2017 (National-rated)
- ▶ 21st GACC International Inter-Varsity Chess Championship (FIDE-rated)

The championship aims to



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promote chess as a hobby to students, from primary schools to universities, and to the public at large. It also serves as a platform for local students to participate in a national-level chess tournament and interact with schools from other states.