"Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition." -- Abraham Lincoln

Finally! We get to the most important part of the contest. What do you get being a part of The Great Mind Challenge 2011

Participating in TGMC gives you a chance to experience great opportunities in the field of information technology!

1. It gives you the opportunity to enhance your skills and ensure that they are mapped to real-time set industry demands.
2. Interact with and learn from experienced and established experts from IBM, a global leader in technology.
3. Get easy access to free training in high-end technologies.
4. Open doors to placement opportunities according to one's skill set.
5. Makes you market-ready.
6. Participation certificates

and

7. Prizes ranging from laptops, netbooks, and Apple iPods to cameras.

NOT ONLY THIS, but

-- You get a chance to work with the Information Management software with full support from the IBM IM team, which is behind the scenes if you choose a project scenario tagged with Information Management.

-- Your project also becomes eligible to be evaluated by DB2 experts themselves and will be given individual mentoring.

-- The best project on DB2 will be chosen by the experts themselves, and it becomes eligible to win prizes like iPads and iPods from the Information Management team of IBM, along with TGMC prizes (if it qualifies as a project there as well).

And the faculty mentor stand to gain as well:

-- Special recognition is in store for colleges and individual faculty members.

-- Recognition and awards for all-female teams and top teams from all the states, as well as those that rank among the top 50 teams.

Apart from all of this, the top three teams will go into the TGMC Hall of Fame. Check out the Hall of Fame page to see the last year's winners in all their glory.

And saving the best for the end, IBM is proud to announce that it will help find a sponsor for the most feasible project from among the top 10. This actually means that the project you've worked on in theory might actually be chosen to be implemented. Now that's something that you can tell your grandchildren about.

So, all the best, and we're sure you'll do your best -- not just for the prizes but because you always do.

Important:

-- All teams who submit completed projects (as per the guidelines set) will get certificate of participation.

-- While the contest and the prizes help build a healthy level of competition among your peers, the focus of TGMC is and always has been to provide a platform for your talent and ideas. So while your ambition must always drive you to win, neither winning nor

losing is the end of the road. We hope you'll remember this while working with us. All the best!

Disclaimer: Specific prizes for each category will be announced soon. Prizes mentioned above are subject to availability and IBM has the right to change as it deems fit.

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