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KOTA KINABALU: The Likas Vocational College won the second prize of the coop-pitch contest for an innovation product dubbed Livoc Eco Paver at the 4.0 Asia Pacific Youth Cooperatives Summit Conference (APCYS4.0) held at Promenade Hotel here from July 27 to 30.

Nur Maisarah Balqis Binti Jinnu, Nursari Binti Hamid, Jiroryce Michael Chia and Muhammad Syafiq Bin Mohd Yusri, diploma students from the Building Technology Programme, created the innovation from waste automotive industry materials which are used tyre and also waste materials from the palm oil industry.

They received a USD1,500 (RM6,840) cash prize from Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at the closing of the event on July 30.

Their teacher-advisor Roman Pileh said their presentation was on the social economic impact of their eco-paver brick.

The team had carried out a corporate social responsibility

project involving a garden paver brick pathway at the Cheshire Home in Likas here, he said.

"This would enable the home's residents to be mobile in their wheelchairs around the garden path," he said in a statement on Monday.

"Likas Vocational College is very proud to have represented Malaysia in this international event, held for the first time in Sabah," added Roman who is also the college's innovation coordinator.

College director Mokhtar Ibrahim said this was a double bonus after the college's innovation team won first prize in International Science, Technology and Engineering 2023 Competition in Bali, Indonesia two months earlier.

The Bali innovation team represented by Nur Izzrahatul Ronnie, Nurafiqah Syazwana Mohd Yusri and Nuralyianah Abu Bakar, who are in Year 2 of the construction programme, had also been awarded the Sabah Education Excellence Award 2023 by the state government, in

recognition of their international success.

Mokhtar said the work and commitment of his students and their teacher-advisor were highly commendable as a great amount of time and energy was put into these competitions.

"Technology and innovation goes hand in hand and to be able to give back to society is what the college is trying to impart to its students," he said.

Mokhtar hoped this would be a motivation to all students not only in his college but all vocational colleges in the country, as participation in such competitions builds their confidence and exposure.

He also expressed the college's appreciation to Angkatan Koperasi Kebangsaan Malaysia Berhad Sabah, the Cheshire Home and all relevant parties.

"Technical and vocational education and training (TVET) is the way forward for our young generation as it opens opportunities for them to excel in the future," he said.