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Jailani (fourth right) with ASEAN Quiz National Competition 2014 champion Chew Tzu Chen of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Convent Leboh Light (Pulau Pinang), second prize winner Mohd Syahmi of SM Sains Labuan and third prize winner Mimiellilian Hee of SMK Mat Salleh, Ranau.

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Communications and Multimedia Ministry will formulate several programmes in preparation for Malaysia to become Asean chairman in 2015, said its deputy minister Datuk Jailani Johari.

One such programme, he said, was the 2014 Asean Quiz organised by the Information Department which would be a platform to increase understanding and camaraderie within the younger generation in the region.

"Today, three youths who won the quiz (at the national level) will represent Malaysia in the final competition at the

regional level in Vietnam in August, and they will also act as ambassadors of the nation," he told reporters after closing the 2014 Asean Quiz here yesterday.

Also present were ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Abdul Rahim Mohamad Radzi and Broadcasting Director-General Datuk Norhayati Ismail.

The three winners were Chew Tzu Chen from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Convent Leboh Light Penang; Mohd Syahmi Mohammad Norman (Sekolah Menengah Sains Labuan) and Mimiellilian Hee (Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan

Mat Salleh, Ranau Sabah).

Jailani said the ministry would extend the programme to the national level to lure more students.

The 2014 Asean Quiz, themed 'Moving Forward in Unity to a Peaceful and Prosperous Community', saw the participation of 20,039 students from 924 schools nationwide, as compared to 7,700 in 2012.

In the competition, participants had to answer questions on Asean and were judged by a jury panel from Universiti Teknologi Mara, Asean-Malaysia Secretariat and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.