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(From left) Lee and Hall speaking on the Sunway-Oxbridge essay competition.

Write essays on climate change

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CLIMATE change has become a bane to the whole world, and Malaysia is no exception to this unwanted phenomenon.

Understanding how important this topic is to today's youth, Sunway University and the Oxford & Cambridge Society Malaysia chose it as the theme of this year's Sunway-Oxbridge Essay Competition.

"I think it's important that young people understand that climate change is real and it is causing a lot of natural disasters and deaths," says Sunway Education Group and Sunway University senior executive director Elizabeth Lee.

Oxford & Cambridge Society Malaysia executive committee member Margaret Hall says human activ-

ity is to blame for climate change, not natural processes.

"If humans are the ones causing this change, what can humans do to slow this down again?" asks Hall, who studied geology and has climate change close to her heart.

Through this competition, Lee says students will get the chance to share their ideas and thoughts on the issue and, at the same time, demonstrate their English language skills.

She adds that students aged 13 to 17 from both government and private schools that are using the national syllabus, are invited to submit online their original essays on "Climate Action".

There are two categories - Category A is for Forms One to Three. They are to write 200 to 350 words on "What could you do as an

individual to reduce the impact of climate change?"

Category B is for Forms Four and Five on "Who is really responsible for the seasonal air pollution, also known as the haze, in Malaysia?" with a word count of 500 to 650 words.

Students are encouraged to send in one essay each by 1pm on April 30 at <http://sunway.edu.my/essay/>.

In each category, the winner will take home RM5,000 in cash and a Sunway bursary valued at RM20,000, the runner-up will win RM3,000 and a Sunway bursary worth RM15,000.

The second runner-up will receive RM1,000 and a Sunway bursary worth RM10,000.

There are also 10 consolation prizes of RM500 and a Sunway bursary of RM5,000 for each category.

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