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MIT IDEAS Announces Winners of 2nd Annual IDEAS Competition

Cambridge, Mass. – The MIT IDEAS Competition, started at MIT to promote innovation and invention for community needs worldwide, today announced the winners of the 2nd Annual IDEAS Competition. This year’s competition involved students from 13 states, Puerto Rico, and eight foreign countries. Their majors range across 16 of MIT’s departments and two special programs. A total of 19 teams participated in the final round of competition.

A $5,000 IDEAS Prize, sponsored by the Lemelson-MIT program, was awarded to “Kinkajou”, a battery-operated LED projector for adult literacy programs in developing countries, designed by Kateri Garcia, Martin Tolliver, Joel Jaimes, Neha Bhoooshan, Beto Peliks, Philip Vargas, Stacy Figuredo, Barbara Garner, and Timothy Prestero.

A second $5,000 IDEAS Prize was awarded to the “De Barrio a Playa”, a youth empowerment program for children in Santo Domingo, designed by Jean Walsh, Elizabeth Bast, Reyes Barboza, and James Alexander.

A $3,000 IDEAS Prize was awarded to “Lumbini Water Solutions”, a water treatment project in Nepal by Melanie Pincus.

A second $3,000 IDEAS Prize, sponsored by the Lemelson-MIT program, was awarded to the “Humanitarian Demining Toolkit”, a project aimed at detecting landmines, designed by Andrew Heafitz, Carl Dietrich, Jameel Khalfan, Prasanga Hiniduma Lokuge, and Roshan Baliga.

A third $3,000 IDEAS Prize was awarded to the “Secondary Education in Pakistan Group” for a mobile science laboratory developed by Mubarik Imam, Sameer Riaz, and Samina Shaikh.

A fourth $3,000 IDEAS Prize, sponsored by The Boeing Company, was awarded to “Vendenergy”, a battery-recycling project prepared by Keith Brown, Manu Prakash, Michael Wolf, and Saul Griffith.

A $2,000 IDEAS Prize, sponsored by The Boeing Company, was awarded to the “Novel Endotracheal Tube Design”, a project designed to improve air delivery to intensive care patients, by Alex Borshchow, Alex Jacobs, Kristin Brodie, Will DelHagen, and Yiqun Bai.

A second $2,000 IDEAS Prize, sponsored by the Lemelson-MIT program, was awarded to the “MIT UV Tube Project”, a water treatment project for a village in Haiti, developed by Sarah Brownell, Xanat Flores, and Melanie Pincus.