

# 12 teams make it to Bosch kart finals

**PETALING JAYA:** Bosch recently announced that it will be sending an additional team to represent Malaysia at the Bosch Power Tools Asia Cordless Race 2011 Grand Finals in Beijing from Sept 21 to 23.

Bosch made the decision due to the overwhelming response received since the competition was launched on April 1.

A total of 53 blueprints were submitted from 21 private and public universities nationwide.

Both the champion and runners-up from the qualifying race will compete against finalists from Thailand, China, South Korea and the Philippines.

The company has also increased the number of finalists to 12 teams from the initial eight.

Bosch made the announcement during a racers briefing for the students at its Regional Training Facility in Petaling Jaya where the company unveiled its finalists.

Each team was also presented with a grant of RM12,000 and six Bosch cordless impact drills and driver units to build their race karts.

The interactive session saw Bosch Power Tools experts providing the fi-



**Bosch Regional brand manager Ea Siong Lin (back row, holding mock cheque) with students from UPM. — Picture by Shiraz Ali Shiraz Yasmin**

nalists with the full specifications for the kart which they are to build.

The finalists were also given the opportunity to consult on the technicalities of building a race kart powered entirely by Bosch Li-Ion technology.

Robert Bosch Sdn Bhd regional sales director for Asean South, Chu Chee Bee, said it received many outstanding entries which made the selection of the 12 finalists a daunting task.

"We are confident that the finalists will build some truly competitive designs. The stage is set for an incredibly exciting race day.

"The competition is designed to provide budding engineers with a platform to explore their creativity and talent," added Chu.

The finalists are Mechanical Engineering Research Team, Raging Bull and The Fast 5 teams from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman; Quad Drive and T-Drive teams from UCSI University; Shooting Star from Universiti Teknologi Petronas; UTHM-FKMP-1 from Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia; Chuck Norris Racing from The University of Nottingham Malaysia; Bunja Racing Team from The Otomotif College; Cyclones from INTI College; N-Gage from Universiti Putra Malaysia, and Silence Killer from University College of Technology & Innovation.

The champion will receive RM3,000 and power tools worth RM2,000, and represent Malaysia at the grand finals in Beijing. — *By Natasha Ilyas*