

ASIAN HACKATHON FOR GREEN FUTURE 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. OVERVIEW

Asian Hackathon for Green Future 2026 is a competition dedicated to developing technology-driven solutions for a sustainable future, jointly organized by three Vingroup member organizations: “For Green Future” Foundation, VinUniversity, and VinTechTalent (Vingroup Young Technology Talent Club). The competition is officially open to undergraduate and master’s students from universities across Asia.

With a total prize pool of USD 24,000 (equivalent to approximately VND 630 million), the competition aims to identify and develop innovative solutions to address urgent environmental challenges, while promoting the spirit of innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration among the younger generation.

This marks the first time an Asia-wide environmental hackathon held in Vietnam exclusively for undergraduate and master’s students, contributing to Vietnam’s role as a regional hub for innovation and sustainable development.

II. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:

- Participants must be students currently enrolled in full-time undergraduate or master’s degree programs at universities across Asia.
- Participants must have full legal capacity in accordance with the laws and regulations of their place of residence¹.

2. PARTICIPATION FORMAT:

- Each team may consist of up to **four (04) members**. Teams are not permitted to alter their membership or the number of members after completing registration, except in cases of force majeure² and with prior approval from the Organizing Committee (“OC”).

¹ In cases where a participant is under the age of 18, a legal guardian must accompany them throughout the competition.

² “**Force Majeure**” shall be understood as events occurring beyond the reasonable control of the team, which are unforeseeable and unavoidable despite the application of all necessary measures, thereby preventing the team from continuing participation or maintaining its registered membership.

- Each team must appoint one (01) team leader who is responsible for submitting the registration, maintaining communication, and providing information as required by the OC.

3. COMPETITION THEMES:

In the registration form, each team is required to select one of the three key challenge areas of the competition as the basis for developing their proposed ideas, including:

- **Theme 1:** Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Mobility
- **Theme 2:** Urban Air Quality and Climate Resilience
- **Theme 3:** Water Resources and Climate-Resilient Agriculture

4. PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS:

a. Registration & Preliminary (April 6 – May 17, 2026)

Teams shall register for participation through the online registration system provided by the OC: <https://forms.gle/o3L5BVLExUYKQtGJA>

Application Dossier Includes:

- **Team information:** Team name and number of members.
- **Information on the team leader and team members:** Full name, contact details (email, phone number), date of birth, address, nationality, current educational institution, level of study, major, duration of study, and supporting documents of enrollment/CGPA (Cumulative GPA at the time of submission).
- **Selected competition theme.**
- **Concept proposal (mandatory):** Maximum of three (03) A4 pages (approximately 1,500 words), clearly presenting the environmental issue or sustainable development challenge the project aims to address, as well as the proposed solution approach, level of innovation, potential application of technology or data, and the expected impact of the project under one of the three key competition themes.
- **Introduction video (mandatory):** A video of approximately three (03) minutes introducing the team and the proposed idea, enabling the OC and the Expert Panel to gain

Force majeure events include, but are not limited to: natural disasters, epidemics, fires or explosions, war, other objective incidents; medical emergencies such as illness or accidents requiring treatment; or other exceptional circumstances duly certified by competent authorities or organizations.

The review and approval of force majeure cases shall fall within the authority of the OC. In all cases, the final decision shall rest with the OC.

a clearer and more comprehensive understanding of the project's direction and development potential.

Based on evaluation by the OC and the Expert Panel, the Top 30 teams will be selected to advance to the next round. Teams advancing to the Top 30 will be required to submit a consent form, duly signed by all members, confirming their voluntary participation in the competition. The Top 30 results will be sent by the OC to the email addresses provided during registration from: **hackathon@foundationforgreenfuture.com**.

Announcement of Top 30 results: Expected on June 1, 2026.

b. Online Training Phase (June 2 – June 28, 2026)

During the Online Training Phase, the Top 30 teams will engage in intensive training sessions and consultations with multidisciplinary experts, gaining advanced knowledge and insights on sustainability trends and technologies to refine and enhance their proposed solutions ahead of the Hackathon Round.

c. Hackathon & Final Round at VinUniversity (Tentatively July 2 – July 5, 2026)

The Top 30 teams will be invited to Hanoi, Vietnam, to compete in a 24-hour onsite hackathon at VinUniversity. Teams will present their projects using PowerPoint, Canva, or equivalent platforms, highlighting:

- The problem and the innovative solution
- The technical approach or implementation model
- The impact and the feasibility

The Judging Panel will select the Top 9 teams to advance to the final pitching and evaluation session. The First, Second, and Third prizes, along with Consolation prizes, will be announced at the Award Ceremony at the conclusion of the program.

Note:

- *The language used in the registration form and throughout all rounds of the competition is English.*
- *The OC reserves the right to adjust the timeline, format, or structure of the competition (including the Registration and Preliminary, the Registration & Preliminary; Online Training Round; and Hackathon & Final Round at VinUniversity when necessary to ensure the quality and safety of the program.*

III. BENEFITS AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Participant benefits

The Top 30 teams selected for the onsite Hackathon will have the opportunity to participate in an international hackathon program focused on environmental sustainability and innovation, with the following benefits:

- Access to intensive training sessions and expert mentoring with leading scientists and specialists;
- Hands-on experience in a 24-hour Hackathon at VinUniversity, where teams develop prototypes, test ideas, and present solutions to the Jury Panel;
- Networking opportunities with experts, organizations, and partners within the green technology and innovation ecosystem.

2. Support arrangements

To facilitate participation in the onsite Hackathon, the OC will provide travel and accommodation support for the Top 30 teams for a **4-day, 3-night stay**, as follows:

a. Travel

• Airfare Support:

The OC will provide round-trip economy-class airfare for all team members. Tickets will be booked by the OC after confirming the travel schedule with participants. Participants are expected to depart from the city where their registered university is located; any changes must be reported and approved by the OC in advance.

Once tickets have been issued based on the confirmed travel schedule, any changes requested by participants will be subject to approval by the OC, and all costs arising from such changes (including, but not limited to, change fees or fare differences) shall be borne by the participants.

• Visa Support (for international participants):

The OC will issue official invitation letters and provide guidance on visa procedures for international participants. Visa fee support, if applicable, will be considered by the OC based on the requirements of each country and the circumstances of each participant.

b. Accommodation and Logistics

During the program, the OC will:

- Arrange accommodation for participating teams;
- Provide transportation according to the program schedule;

- Support workspace, meals, and facilities necessary for the Hackathon.

Note: The OC's support applies only to the participating team members. Any additional costs for guardians or accompanying family members are not covered and must be borne by the participants themselves.

IV. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- The total prize pool is **USD 24,000**.
- **Prize structure includes:**
 - i. 01 First Prize: USD 8,000 (cash)
 - ii. 01 Second Prize: USD 5,000 (cash)
 - iii. 02 Third Prizes: USD 3,000 each (cash)
 - iv. 05 Consolation Prizes: USD 1,000 each (cash)
- All prize funds will be disbursed via bank transfer to one (01) designated bank account of the team representative – The team leader (unless otherwise agreed upon by all members of the group). The OC shall not be responsible for internal distribution of the prize funds among team members.