“Young students want their work to make a real impact in the world. The Schools Challenge program is an opportunity for students age 12 to 15 to learn hands-on STEM and design thinking skills, and make positive changes to their communities using the skills acquired. We are partnering with JA Asia Pacific, universities, and community partners to implement the program in the Asia Pacific region.”

Diana Tsui, Head of Asia Pacific Philanthropy, J.P. Morgan.

The Schools Challenge is a STEM-focused social innovation program for junior secondary students implemented by JA Hong Kong and supported by the Energizing Kowloon East Office (EKEO) and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). Plans are underway to expand the program to other Asia Pacific locations outside of Hong Kong in 2019.

Robby Syahputra, from Purbalingga in Indonesia (350 KM from Cikarang) attended JA Pathway to Employment and got a job in the automotive sector in Cikarang. He became a success story in his village and the school is keen to send more students to the program in the future.