NUS ELECTRIC RACER BEATS GIANTS IN US COMPETITION

An electric car built by National University of Singapore (NUS) students has performed creditably in a competition by SAE International (formerly Society of Automotive Engineers) held from June 14 to 17 in Michigan, the United States.

The R23e (above), an 80kW single-seat open-wheel electric racer weighing 228kg, emerged 18th out of 69 participants at the Formula SAE event. While NUS had taken part in past Formula SAE competitions, the R23e was its first electric entrant.

The NUS team was the only Asian team at the competition. It beat teams from engineering powerhouses such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Texas in Austin and University of California, Berkeley.

Formula SAE is a student competition and cars are judged for various qualities, including design, acceleration and efficiency.

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