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Businessman declared the champ of bridal photo contest

FOR 38-year-old businessman Ng Choo Kia from Perak, photography is his 'number one' hobby and this hobby managed to bag him the grand prize in the Bridal Photo Competition held in conjunction with *The Star's* bridal fair held the Queensbay Mall in Penang.

He walked away with a Nikon DSLR3000 digital camera worth RM1,699, RM1,000 and a certificate.



Rewarding hobby: (From left) Cheng Woh, Winsion Photo Trading Sdn Bhd and President Photo Lab Sdn Bhd administrative manager Loh Choon Teik, Chung, Choo Kia and Boon Choon, posing with their prizes.

Participants had to snap pictures of models in bridal gowns at the *Now & Forever — A Carnival of Love* bridal extravaganza.

Choo Kia, an avid shutterbug for the past 15 years, said he submitted two entries and just hoped for the best.

He added that the competition gave him the opportunity to improve his skill and technique.

He was also the winner in a photography competition organised by Club Med in May last year.

He won himself a paid assignment where he travelled around countries such as Indonesia, Thailand, Japan and China to take photographs.



Congratulations: (From left) Chin, Cheng Woh, Choo Kia, Boon Choon and Tan proudly showing their winning photographs yesterday.

Meanwhile, graphic designer Ho Cheng Woh, 64, bagged the second prize, winning an Olympus Mju 550WP digital camera worth RM800, RM500 and a certificate.



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"I'm happy and excited over my win. Besides it being my hobby, I also use a lot of photography for my work," said the Penangite.

Cheng Woh, who has previously won other contests, said he would take part in more photo competitions as long as he is fit and able.

In third place, Ho Boon Choon, 37, a technician from Penang, received a Fujifilm Finepix J38 digital camera worth RM500, RM300 and a certificate.

"This is my second time joining a photo competition and I was surprised with my win," he said.

"I used to own a film camera but I was not so involved in taking photos then.

"But now, I have like-minded friends who share my passion. We would regularly go out on photography outings," said Boon Choon, who has dabbled in his new hobby for two years.

The five consolation prizes went to Chin Pue Ling, 36, Tan Saw Phaik, 35, Soon Chin Boon, 44, Ng Choo Kuan, 32 and Lim Lean Eng, 36. Each received a RM100 cash voucher from Foto President and a certificate.

The Star regional manager, operations (North) Chung Chok Yin presented the prizes to the winners at Star Northern Hub in Bayan Lepas yesterday.

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