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Stunning image wows judges

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Triumphant shutterbugs: Winner Zhen Siang (centre), flanked by first runner-up Ooi (left) and third prize winner Ho, posing with their winning entries and trophies at Gurney Paragon, Penang.

UNDERGRADUATE Yang Zhen Siang, 20, surveyed the area surrounding Komtar for a week before deciding on how to capture the best shot to depict beautiful Penang for a photography contest.

His hard work bore fruit when his picture taken at the Chowrasta Market with Komtar as the backdrop won him first prize of the Penang International Photo Awards.

The finance and investment student of the Tunku Abdul Rahman University College in Kuala Lumpur took home RM2,000, a Fujifilm X-Pro1 with XF 18-55mm Lens and a 24"x36" Fujicolour print of his photograph.

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“I took only a while to finish my photoshoot but it was the reconnaissance mission that was challenging. To me, Komtar is synonymous with Penang.

“It took me a week before I could find this angle which I feel is the best for my photoshoot,” said Zhen Siang, who is from Bandar Baru Air Itam.

He received his prize from Penang Tourism Development Committee chairman Danny Law at Gurney Paragon recently.

Coming in second and third respectively were freelance photographer Kevin Ooi Wey Hun, 32, and graphic designer-cum-photographer Ho Cheng Woh, 67.

Ooi bagged RM1,000 and a Fujifilm XE-1 with XF 18-55mm lens while Ho received RM500 and a Fujifilm XS-1. Both also got a 24”x36” Fujicolour print of their photographs.

A total of 350 photographers worldwide took part in the inaugural contest that saw more than 800 entries.

It was organised by CHT-NETWORK, a holding company with investment in a publishing company.

The jury comprised CHT-NETWORK founder Ch’ng Huck Theng, Fujifilm (M) Sdn Bhd senior executive director Paul Ho and Photo Creator Magazine editor-in-chief Kim Teoh.

Ch’ng said Pipa was an international platform for both professional and amateur photographers to present their extraordinary works of beautiful Penang.

“The entries and support that we received were overwhelming as it saw the participation of both local and international photo enthusiasts, from photographers, journalists to tourists,” he added.

Fujifilm, Tourism Malaysia and the state government were among the sponsors.

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