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WORKS FOR SALE: Resorts World Genting once again organises an art competition for youths and the special community

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FOLLOWING the success of last year's art competition for slow learners and the physically disabled, Resorts World Genting (RWG) recently organised another competition.

This year's competition, themed Malaysia through the Eyes of the Artist, was held in conjunction with the 1Malaysia Contemporary Art Tourism Festival 2013 for the two categories of slow learners and physically disabled, and youths aged between 18 and 25 years.

The competition, held from May 16 to July 8, saw 40 participants submitting 48 pieces of artwork.

The prize-giving ceremony was graced by Tourism Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Ong Hong Peng, who was the guest-of-honour. Representing RWG was its senior vice-president for public relations and communications, Datuk Anthony Yeo.

Other guests included the Chinese ambassador Chai Xi, Cuban ambassador Ruben Perez Valdes, Laotian ambassador Khamphan Analavan, Thai ambassador Krit Kraichitti, Cambodian embassy charge d'affaires Oum Bopha and Vietnamese embassy political counselor, Pham

Tuan Nam.

Judges for the competition were Artseni Gallery founder artist Phillip Wong, art writer and curator Ooi Kok Chuen, artist and Aswara lecturer Suzlee Ibrahim, Unisel professor of graphic design Prof Datuk Raja Zahabuddin Raja Yaacob, and RWG vice-president for public relations and communications Katherine Chew.

"Our objectives of organising this competition and exhibition were to give Malaysia's special community and youths the opportunity to showcase their talent and their work during the annual Malaysia art festival, and to promote the development of their artistic skills," said Yeo.

Five participants from each category won the consolation prizes while there were also the first, second and third prizes for both categories.

The first prize winner for the slow learner and physically-disabled category was Ismail Rakib from the Foot & Mouth Association, whose entry was called *Old House Old Game*. Ismail walked away with RM10,000 worth of RM6,000 cash and a four-day, three-night holiday for two sponsored by Star Cruises worth RM4,000.

Second prize went to Damien Wong Sher Yin, who painted *Jom Masak*. Wong took home prizes worth RM6,000 that included RM3,000 with a three-day, two-night stay at the Resorts World Sentosa accompanied by two tickets to Universal Studios Singapore.

The third prize went to Varick Wong Lai Lik whose painting is called *The Taste*. He took home RM2,000 and a three-day, two-night stay at the Awana Hotel and two tickets to Resorts World Genting resident show.

Winning first prize for the Youth Category was Izzat Aziz with his painting *Cerita Warung*. He also walked away with RM10,000 worth of prizes.

Hidangan Kita by Nor Fadilah Mohd Khalil won the second prize. She took home RM6,000 worth of prizes, while third prize winner Dai Sim Yee who drew *The Eye* took home prizes worth RM4,000.

After the formalities, Ong officially opened the art exhibition that showcased all 48 paintings.

The exhibition will be held until Sunday from 10am to 10pm daily. The paintings are also for sale, with prices ranging from RM10 to RM10,000.

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Datuk Dr Ong Hong Peng (standing, fifth from left) and **Datuk Anthony Yeo** (standing, sixth from left) with the judges and the top 3 winners.