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PETRON HONOURS YOUNG TALENT IN 5TH VISION PETRON ART COMPETITION

Kuala Lumpur – Petron Malaysia announced the winners of the **5th Vision Petron** art competition with the theme *Rediscovering the Ingenuity of Youth* in an awarding ceremony held today. 18 young artists stood out among 900 students from 20 different universities across Malaysia.

Sze To Joe Yin from Malaysian Institute of Art emerged as grand winner in the art painting category with his brilliant touch on the transition between childhood and adulthood, with his artwork ‘The Best Time In Life’. His artwork tops other 334 submissions in the category.

‘Youth in Action’ by the grand winner, Mohammad Syamil bin Mohd Rasli from Multimedia University was chosen among other 550 entries for its exceptional portrayal of a group of exploring youth shot in a stunning silhouette photo.

Meanwhile, a group of three UiTM Puncak Perdana students, Nursyafiq Zahin Bin Zamri, Afiq Naquiddin Bin Mohd Fauzi and Mohd Syaraf Bin Saadon with their video titled ‘Runpost’ awed the judges with its story about a boy who loves to run becomes an inspiration to a local courier company, defeating the other 82 entries.

Each grand prize winner received a cash prize of RM3,000.00. Second and third place winners received RM2,000.00 and RM1,000.00, respectively, while fourth, fifth, and sixth placers each won RM500.00. All winners were also presented with trophies, vouchers from Sony Music and art supplies Premier Art, and certificates of participation.

“Vision Petron is the only art competition in the country to give tertiary students the opportunity to showcase their talents in the fields of painting, photography, and videography. At the same time, it empowers the youth to uphold the values of hard work, passion for excellence, and love for country. This is another way for us to contribute to nation-building by promoting arts and culture among the youth of Malaysia,” said Puan Faridah Ali, Head of Retail Business.

The winners were chosen by a panel of judges based on originality, composition, and creativity. Past judges include prominent national artists Awang Damit Ahmad, Bayu Utomo Radjikin, and Bibi Chew for the art painting category; Amri Ginang, Zainudin Arshad, and Ng Kok Leong for the photography category, and renowned filmmakers - Datuk Yusof Haslam, Datin Paduka Shuhaimi Baba, and Tan Chui Mui for the video category.

As an added treat to the winners, the top 20 artworks will be on display at 1Utama Shopping Mall Damansara Utama for an entire week starting September 12.

From February to July this year, Petron embarked on a number of roadshows at 14 local and private universities. More than 1,000 students participated in order to gain more insights on each category in the competition.

Amongst the universities that had participated in 2017 Competition are UiTM, Saito College, Dasein Academy of Art, Malaysian Institute of Art, Universiti SEGI, Universiti Multimedia, ASWARA, Universiti Selangor, dan UPSI.

“Our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and universities. We are very grateful for the support, which we are proud to say, which is growing every year. This inspires us to continue to collaborate with universities to further the creativity of our budding artists,” said Puan Faridah.

Vision Petron has produced young local artists such as Koo Yein Ni of Dasein Academy of Art, Nik Shazmie Nik Shairozi of UiTM Perak and Lee Teng Chiew of Saito College, photographers Abdullah Amirulamin Bin Hamid of Multimedia University, Leong Sheng Yung of The One Academy, and Koh Jia Ying of Taylor’s University College, and videographer Khor Zhen Yee of the University of Science Malaysia.

Vision Petron is open to students aged 18-28 years old who are studying in local universities and colleges. Students compete in three categories: painting, photography and videography.

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