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## 18 STUDENTS TOP THE 4<sup>th</sup> VISION PETRON ART COMPETITION

**KUALA LUMPUR** – Eighteen talented student artists emerged as big winners in this year's Vision Petron National Student Art Competition. More than 900 students submitted entries in various categories this year, the most number since Vision Petron started four years ago.

Noorfuji Anggara Bin Masyudi from Universiti Teknologi MARA Kampus Melaka won the grand prize in the art category. His masterpiece artwork, "Lonely Environment" caught the judges' attention with the clever use of traditional wood and brilliant choices of symbolism, beating 133 other creative submissions in the category.

"Village Ducks Farm," meanwhile was the winning entry of Pang Yi Zhuo from Dasein Academy of Art, who won the grand prize in the photography category. Pang's winning shot was chosen amongst 693 entries, as it presented very interactive elements of nature and environment.

Trio winners – Mohd Hani Fikri Bin Jaafri, Mohd Haniff Bin Jaafri and Natasya Nuranis Binti Azahar from Point College's video entitled "Nyawa" won grand prize in the videography category. The story of a fictional, post-apocalyptic world where nature is destroyed by humans defeated other 83 hopeful entries.

Other winners include: **Arts Category**: Sri Liyana Binti Embok Efek, Noor Athirah Bt Md Ghazali @ Mohd Azlee, Muhammad Diauddin Bin Mohd Isa, Siti Nurkhadijah Binti Hussin, and Nurul Syafiqah Binti Mohammad Ashri. **Photography Category:** Low Kuan, Yap Khai Yong, Yeap Jui Ming, Azrol Afendy Bin Daud, and Mohd Irsyadi Bin Ismail. **Videography Category:** Khor Zhen Yee; Logenthiran A/L Manogaran; Ng Hwa Ee & Phua Seng Hien; Lee Kian Shen, Yap Jia Hon & Ng Hoong Keaw; Mohamad Shahrizal Bin Masli & Ayyub Bin Mohamed Yusof.

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 given trophies and certificates of participation. The artworks were also placed at Ikano Power Center for public viewing and appreciation, which later will be used as part of Petron corporate souvenirs.

This year's Vision Petron competition, themed "Rediscovering Nature & Environment" garnered strong support and interest from students, recording 910 entries from public and private university and colleges, more than last year's 669 entries.

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Entries were evaluated based on their originality, composition, and creativity by a panel of esteemed judges: Awang Damit Ahmad (National Artist), Tang Hong Lee (National Artist), Winson Loh (Founder and Curator, Pinkguy Gallery), Ng Kok Leong (Photo Editor of Star Media Group), Eric Peris (Professional Photographer), Mohd Erman Maharam (Film Director), and Ng Ping Ho (Film Director, Producer & Screen Writer).

"Vision Petron is recognized as a platform for young student artists and visionaries to promote their ideas and talents through art. To ensure the success of this project, we partnered with colleges and universities and luckily, Vision Petron has been seeing increased support every year," Pn Faridah Ali, Head of Retail said.

To reach more budding artists, Petron Malaysia embarked on a series of Vision Petron road shows at 17 universities and colleges all over the country. Among them are UiTM campuses, Saito College, Dasein Academy of Art, SEGI University, Multimedia University, ASWARA, University Selangor, and UPSI.

"As we continue to grow in Malaysia, we also would like the competition to grow and give more recognition to talented students. We would like to congratulate all winners and thank all the participants and our board of judges," Pn Faridah concluded.

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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