

BERJAYA YOUTH FILM CONTEST NAMES WINNERS

THE 5th Berjaya Youth Short Film Competition ended recently. The top three winners, as well as the People's Choice Award winner and other finalists, received prizes worth more than RM90,000 in total at the grand finals and awards presentation ceremony at Berjaya Times Square Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

Grand prize winner Kyle Soong scored the highest points with his short film titled *Sam Sir*. He received RM30,000 cash and a Mac Pro Quad Core processor with a 27-inch LCD display worth RM18,498.

First runner-up was Sidney Chan, with his short film titled *A Gift Of Gab*. He went home with RM12,000 cash and a 15-inch MacBook Pro notebook worth RM8,999.

The second runner-up, Ling Kah Yong, received RM5,000 cash and a 13" MacBook Air notebook worth RM4,549, for his short film titled *Superman*. He also took home the People's Choice Award of RM8,000 cash.

Ling received the highest number of votes from the online community during the Rank & Win contest via www.berjayayouth.com.

Ten of the best works were selected after a preliminary round of shortlisting by three judges, each an established figure in the local film industry.

At the grand finals, the works were shown to a panel of five judges, made up of renowned local film directors and producers. They were Datuk Paduka Shuhaimi Baba, Afdlin Shauki, Aniu, Gayatri Pillai, as well as a special guest judge from Hong Kong, Oscar-winning filmmaker Ruby Yang.

"Held for the fifth consecutive year, this year's competition garnered more than 190 entries from Malaysian youths who aspired to venture into the film industry," said Judy Tan, senior general manager of Group Corporate Communications of Berjaya Corporation Berhad in a press statement.

At a workshop for filming hobbyists



The winners with their prizes.

and aspiring filmmakers, Yang shared valuable tips and pointers from her experience in the industry. She also showed participants snippets from her feature-length documentary film, *My Voice, My Life*, which had won her accolades in Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China. The film was touted as one of "Hong Kong's 5 Most Essential Films of 2014" by *The Wall Street Journal*. The Berjaya Youth Short Film

Competition, open to Malaysian youths aged 18 to 25, offers a great platform for youths to express their ideas and perspectives in the most creative ways.

This year, the choice of themes for the films was centred on the trending abbreviated youth slang and hashtags: #YOLO (You Only Live Once), #TBT (Turn Back Time), #ABC (Always Be Creative) and #LOL (Laugh Out Loud).

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