



Young Designer Award 2009

Winners Announced

Jobs Lined Up for YDA Winners

Young, promising interior designers and architects of the future from across the country proved that they have great potential, as Nippon Paint Malaysia 5th YDA (Nippon Paint Young Designer Award 2009). Ten Tan Yong Maun of Politeknik Asia College emerged the gold award winner in the Interior category while Lee Wei Bin of the Malaysian Institute of Art won the silver award.

In the Architecture category, the gold award went to Ong Tian Wei (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia), while Binny Falaq bin Hamee Sagarath of UTM Omar Fakhry, both secured the silver award. The Nippon Paint Young Designer Award 2009 attracted highly innovative and award worthy projects from more than 120 students from 18 institutions of higher learning in Malaysia.



Impressed with the novel 2009 design submissions, Ms. Geeta Devi, Nippon Paint (Malaysia), Sdn. Bhd.'s Assistant General Manager of Marketing, commented, "A superior design with the right use of colours is a challenge. The level of professionalism and creativity demonstrated by the students has the award well truly meritable. For Nippon Paint Malaysia, it is a privilege to provide an avenue for the students to show their talent and to motivate them to flourish in their future career as interior designers."

The theme for the Nippon Paint Young Designer Award 2009 was, "Building Design with Colour Trends", and comprised two categories - Interior and Architecture. Students' works were evaluated in successfully integrating the Nippon Paint 2009 / 2010 Colour Trends into their design entry. Based on the given theme and concept, winners were judged on colour innovation, colour coordination, originality of design, aesthetics, environmental friendliness, space planning, compliance to submission requirements and design level.



"The quality interior and architectural design such as the projects submitted, leaves one a great sense of pleasure and sheer 'hard work' - which are all very evident in every entry submitted. The colour combination and use of colours are first rate. Their designs prove that they have achieved the level of skill required by their profession," added DSJ.

The gold winners will each receive a special trophy, RM2,000 cash scholarship and an Agera Gemstone, while the silver winners from each category will each receive RM1,000 in cash scholarship. The bronze winners in both categories will each receive RM500 in cash scholarship. In addition, the top four winners will each receive complimentary appointments with leading interior design / architect firms. Launched in 2006, the Nippon Paint Young Designer Award is an annual competition open to students enrolled in schools of interior design / architecture located in Malaysia, in the first year of their diploma or at least in the third year of their degree programme. The award is supported by the Malaysian Society of Interior Designers (MSID) and Pertubuhan Melayu Malaysia (PMM). Together with MSID and PAM, Nippon Paint Malaysia aims to nurture and encourage the young talents within the interior design and architect student community.

Commenting on the merits of the 2009 submissions, chief judge, Puat Amara Haiman, of MSID said, "We found the combination of colour schemes and design executions. Also, the variety of spaces selected was diverse and out of the ordinary. We hope these awards will urge their students to participate next year as this is an excellent opportunity for them to put their skills to the test and build their portfolios."



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Finalists Interior Design Category

Gold
Winner: Tan Yong Maun
College/University: Politeknik Asia College

Silver
Winner: Sod Wei Toh
College/University: Malaysian Institute of Art

Honorary Mention
Winner: Chan Ann Hai
College/University: Malaysian Institute of Art

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Winner: Neo Tze Yang
College/University: Malaysian Institute of Art

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Winner: Kam Han Tean
College/University: Malaysian Institute of Art

Finalists Architecture Category

Gold
Winner: Ong Tian Wei
College/University: Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Silver
Winner: Ahmad Falaq & Mohd Sagarath
College/University: UTM Omar Fakhry, Johor

Honorary Mention
Winner: Zulfah Binti Azah
College/University: Politeknik Sultan Halim, Kedah

Honorary Mention
Winner: Mohd Zamri Abdul Ghani
College/University: Politeknik Sultan Yusef, Sabah Sarawak