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Judges pick 30 photos



Tough decision: The five judges (from left) Chua, Song, Ng, See and Lim looking at the photographs submitted for the Bridal Photo Competition.

THIRTY out of 145 photographs have been shortlisted from the Bridal Photo Competition held in conjunction with The Star bridal fair at Queensbay Mall in Penang.

It was a tough call for the five judges who spent over an hour sifting through the pictures of models in bridal gowns taken for the competition as part of the Now & Forever – A Carnival of Love bridal extravaganza recently.

Chief judge Ng Ah Bak, who is also The Star's chief photographer, said he chose the seven best entries based on their creativeness, quality and colour composition.

"We had a hard time shortlisting the photographs as the standard is very high," he said after the final selection at Star Northern Hub in Bayan Lepas yesterday.

The 30 photographs will on display at Queensbay Mall from tomorrow until Sunday while the prize presentation will be held at Star Northern Hub on Monday.

The other four judges were The Star's studio artist See Tan Ling, Penang Photography Society adviser Song Jin Tek, President Photo managing director Lim Kim Chee and France Taipei senior photographer Kelvin Chua.

Song said he also picked seven photographs based on the 3D effect, spotlight, blurry background and facial expressions.

He added that he focused on the subjects' skin tone, natural look and perfect lighting.

Lim, who is also Penang Photography Merchants Association chairman, said he selected the entries based on the positioning and background that brought out the shine in the pictures.



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Chua said he could only pick three pictures as their lighting control were not stable, adding that the composition of a photograph was very important.

See, who also chose three photographs, said he looked for the models' expressions although some of the compositions were not that good.

The first three winners will walk away with RM1,000, RM500 and RM300 and certificates respectively.

The grand prize winner will also receive a Nikon DSLR3000 digital camera worth RM1,699 while the first and second runners-up will receive an Olympus Mju 550WP digital camera worth RM800 and a Fujifilm Finepix J38 digital camera worth RM500 respectively.

There are also five consolation prizes by Foto President, where cash vouchers worth RM100 each and certificates will be awarded.

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