

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF PENANG

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Photography Society of Penang Song Jin Tek Photography Challenge of the Year Award 2016

The Society has embarked on a program and contest to bring out the best in each member and the best amongst the best of all the members. As a starter, we will be challenging members to come up with photo images on only 3 themes this year.

This is a much awaited program as it is a test to have an all rounded photographer who is good in all aspects from macro to landscape, from still to fast moving objects in sports. Many of us are good in certain aspects and tend to concentrate on that few fields but lack in others. A table top photographer would be very skilled in studio lighting but would be garbling when shooting a wedding event. But we can change that after all we are a hobby based photographic society. One can label a photographer as “sifu” in photography if he has all these all rounded qualities, or else we should be saying he is a “sifu” in macro or a “sifu” in landscape.

Secondly, the society has not graded its members since the 80's when members came out in full force to vie “fiercely” for the much desired Senior Photographer grading. So this is the opportunity again for us to reinvent this program due to the fact that it is a different ball game now. We use the camera no doubt with everything exactly as it was back then. However, now we have a greater control over the output and final product of the image and print (print comes second now) with the use of digital imaging and software. The possibility is endless as far as your imagination can stretch.

Many of the seniors of the yesteryears are not digitally inclined but we still have to respect their grading for their skills and techniques in taking photographs which have not changed much. But would you like to take up the challenge again? By next year hopefully, this Grading Program can run concurrently with the Photography Society of Penang, Song Jin Tek Photography Challenge of the Year Award 2016 as both the demands are similar in nature - a wide range of skills required and a set standard to strive for which is listed in the rules and regulations for the award. Equipped with this standard, many of our members would find the APSP within their grasps (a shot cut to a senior grade). Thus we “kill 3 birds with one stone”.

I once saw a cowboy movie when the gunslinger said....”you think you are the fastest! Somewhere, sometime, somehow.....there will be another one faster than you”.

So you think you are the “best” but you didn't think that there would be someone who could come up with another angle and view.

Yours truly

Peter HO