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Zainudin (seated centre) posing with the winners of this year's Sabah Screen Fest at the awards ceremony.

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KOTA KINABALU: The annual "Sabah Screen Fest" (SSF) digital film festival returned this year with the theme "Self-Love", which saw a total of 150 film entries from schools and the public.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Yakub Khan said the theme coincided with the Covid-19 situation which had caused mental health challenges among many.

"This theme aims to raise awareness in the community and encourage them to value themselves and their lives especially in the post Covid-19 pandemic era," he said, when officiating the Sabah Screen Fest Awards Night at Sabah International Convention Centre, here, Wednesday.

His speech delivered by the Ministry's Permanent Secretary Zainudin Aman.

Yakub said a total of 80 entries were received in the primary school and secondary school categories and 70 entries in the open category.

"Through organising SSF, we are able to provide early exposure to creative and innovative industries in Sabah through seminars and workshops to all participants in line with the Ministry's goal to produce more intellectual, creative and innovative communities.

"Additionally, it also provides those interested in the opportunity to venture into the creative industry and display their work to other Malaysians," he said.

Yakub said the SSF was a way for his Ministry to empower the skilled community in the digital technology field by giving the winners due recognition.

"With SSF, many hidden talents can be seen through the films that have been made," he said.

The SSF, which aims to establish a sustainable talent pool in creative media via digital filmmaking, is divided into four main subcategories: short film, documentary, advertisement and animation.

In the primary school category, SK Suranti, Papar emerged champion for animation, bringing home RM1,200, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate; SK Bakri, Batu 5 placed second, bringing home RM1,000, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate and SK Kampong Baru Jumpa, Tenom, placed third pocketing RM800, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate.

SK Sungai Damit, Tuaran won the short

film subcategory and pocketed RM1,200, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate while SK Pekan Tamparuli placed second bringing home RM1,000 sponsored items, a trophy and certificate and Sekolah Agama Tun Sakaran (SATK) placed third pocketing RM800, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate.

In the secondary school category, SMK Tamparuli emerged champion for animation, bringing home RM1,200, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate while SMK St Mary Limbahau, Papar placed both second and third, bringing home RM1,000 and RM800 cash respectively, as well as sponsored items, trophies and certificates.

SMK St Joseph Papar won the short film subcategory and pocketed RM1,200, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate; SMK Longkom, Kota Marudu came in second bringing home RM1,000, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate while SMK Lok Yuk, Kota Kinabalu placed third and brought home RM800, sponsored items, a trophy and certificate.

For the open category, Fu Chu Ken emerged champion in the advertisement subcategory, bringing home RM3,000, a trophy and certificate while Thein Kai Shan placed second and brought home RM2,000, a trophy and certificate while Leong Kai Khen placed third, pocketing RM1,000, a trophy and certificate.

For animation, Al Kumal won first place pocketing RM3,000, a trophy and certificate while Wong Kai Lang placed second bringing home RM2,000, a trophy and certificate and Rizal Kung placed third bringing home RM1,000, a trophy and certificate.

For the documentary subcategory, Faisal Firdaus Ituah emerged champion bringing home RM3,000, a trophy and certificate; Erica Chong Fui Ying placed second bringing home RM2,000, a trophy and certificate while Ricardo Unto came in third and brought home RM1,000, a trophy and certificate.

Dyan Dumpangol won the short film subcategory and brought home RM3,000, a trophy and certificate; Ricardo Unto came in second pocketing RM2,000, a trophy and certificate while Mike Lennon Philip Enggoh placed third and brought home RM1,000, a trophy and certificate.

Abu Bakar Ellah was awarded the Special SSF Award and brought home RM1,000, a trophy and certificate.



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