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**FOUR TOP WINNERS WALK AWAY WITH A TOTAL PRIZE OF RM75,000 AT THE  
3<sup>RD</sup> BERJAYA YOUTH SHORT FILM COMPETITION 2013**

Kuala Lumpur, 17 October 2013 – The top four winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Berjaya Youth Short Film Competition walked away with more than RM75,000 worth of prizes in an awards ceremony held at Berjaya Times Square Hotel.

A total of 115 short films were received this year, which is the third year of the competition since its launch in 2011. The panel of judges comprising local film directors/producers Afdlin Shauki, Ah Niu, Gayatri Pillai, Datuk Paduka Shuhaimi Baba, Jehan Miskin, Ida Nerina and actor Mano Maniam viewed the ten shortlisted films in the final stage of the competition to select the Grand Prize winner and the First and Second Runners-Up.

The Champion, Koh Liang Sheng, whose short film titled *What Was Once* captured the judges' hearts, walked away with RM30,000 cash and a Canon EOS 5D Mark III camera worth RM10,199. The 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up was Chia Sheng Wei who received RM12,000 cash and Canon EOS 6D camera worth RM6,299 for his short film titled *Terra* while the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up, Ho Ming Han with his short film titled *Colours* received RM5,000 cash and a Canon EOS 60D camera worth RM4,299. The People's Choice Award was awarded to Tan Choong Liang who grabbed the RM8,000 cash prize for his short film titled *Alive* which had the highest number of votes from online viewers.

Berjaya initiated the Berjaya Youth Short Film Competition to reach out and connect with the Malaysian youth in an effort to encourage them to share positive stories through short film. The competition, with various inspiring themes, is also a good platform for aspiring young film-makers to express their creativity and showcase their film-making talents as well

as to encourage others to live by positive values. This year, the themes given for the competition were *Harmony, Celebrate, Animals* and *Mother Earth*. The competition is open to eligible youths aged between 18 to 25 years.

Commenting on the competition, Nerine Tan, Executive Director of Berjaya Group Berhad said, “We are very encouraged with the number of participants every year and it is our hope that more youths will follow suit in the coming years. The quality of the stories submitted are very impressive and competitive making it a tough task for the judges to select the winners. The judges are amazed with the talents of the young film-makers as it is not easy to tell a good, heart-touching story within five minutes, which is one of the criteria of this competition.

“The competition also paves the way for young talents to explore their future in film-making as their works are exposed to the competition’s line-up of judges, comprising well-known and respected film directors and producers who may offer these young people the opportunity for an internship or to work with them on their upcoming projects, “ said Nerine.

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