



Koh (centre) with Ho (left) and Chia at the prize-presentation ceremony.

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Funeral-inspired short film 'What Was Once' wins top prize

PETALING JAYA: A short film inspired by a friend's funeral emerged the winner in the 3rd Berjaya Youth Short Film Competition. Koh Liang Sheng's short film *What Was Once* was named the winner at a prize-giving ceremony held at the Berjaya Times Square Hotel in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Koh won RM30,000, a Canon EOS 5D Mark III camera worth RM10,199 as well as

a trophy.

"I am still in a daze," said Koh when asked how he felt after being declared the winner.

First runner-up was Chia Sheng Wei for his film *Terra*; second runner-up was Ho Ming Han for his film *Colours* and the People's Choice award winner was Tan Choong Liang for *Alive*.

Ten films, shortlisted from a total of 115 films submitted for this year's competition, were selected by a panel of judges comprising local film directors and producers such as Adflin Shauki, Ah Niu, Gayathri Pillai, Datin Paduka Shuhaimi Baba, Jehan Miskin, Ida Nerina and actor Mano Maniam at a special event held at the hotel's ballroom.