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Changi Airport's First International Digital Photo Contest Attracted Entries from almost 30 Countries

A month-long digital photography contest organised by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) for the first time in October 2005 ended on a high note. The **Globe Trotters Digital Photo Competition**, opened to nationalities from all parts of the world, drew an overwhelming response. Over 2,000 entries submitted by contestants from 29 countries were received, including places as far flung as Argentina, Hungary and Russia.

Mr Lim Kien Hock, 42, an Advertising and Promotion Manager from Malaysia, emerged the **Overall Winner** with his entry in the '**Cities or Festivals**' category. Titled "Lantern Shop", it portrayed a nostalgic scene of an old sundry shop house overhanging with several traditional Chinese lanterns for sale. "Passing by the road quite frequently, it never failed to remind me of a time gone past. In my youth, such lanterns sold yearly during the traditional Chinese Mooncake Festival were so different from modern day lanterns, which are lit up by battery instead of wax candles and being too fanciful in design," said Mr Lim when asked what inspired his submission.

Swedish TV cameraman, **Mr Sergio Albornoz**, 57, won the top prize for the '**Nature**' category with a digital photograph he named 'It was getting light'. His beautiful shot of a man and two dogs was taken in Rio de Janeiro in the early morning hours, from the ninth floor of a hotel room in the Copa-Cabana Beach.

The winner of the '**Faces**' category was Singaporean **Mr Liew Tong Leng**, 36, a Quality Engineer. Through a glass panel, he captured a picture of three children swimming in a pool at a popular Singapore recreation park and titled it 'In the Water'.

Mr Lim Kien Hock's entry was chosen from among the three categories as the overall winner by a judging panel. The panel, comprising three judges, was led by Mr Steven Yee Pui Chung, a veteran photographer and honorary secretary of the Photographic Society of Singapore. The judging criteria were based on creativity, overall technical quality and relevance.

The panel also short-listed 60 of the best entries for display at an exhibition at the Departure/Transit lounges of Singapore Changi Airport. Travellers passing through the airport from 21 November to 4 December 2005 were invited to view the photographs on display and vote for their favourite photograph. Their votes determined the winner of the '**People's Choice**' award, which went to Singaporean **Mr Wong Chek Poh**, 44, an IT consultant. His photograph of Australia's Sydney Harbour in sunset won him a

Panasonic Lumix Camera FZ30 worth S\$1,999. His entry garnered over 140 votes, out of the 1,900 votes received.

At a ceremony held on 14 December 2005 at Changi Airport in the presence of passengers from different parts of the world, CAAS presented Mr Lim Kien Hock a pair of Business class air tickets to any SilkAir destination, worth S\$9,000, on top of a Panasonic D'Snap digital camera worth S\$450.

"Digital cameras make it possible for travellers and holiday-makers to capture professional-looking pictures at the simple click of a button. This contest presented a platform for travellers around the world to share and exchange their traveling experiences and cultural encounters right here at Changi Airport," said Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of Civil Aviation.

The Globe Trotters Photo Competition was organised in conjunction with CAAS' 'Digital Connection 2005', an annual IT show held in October 2005 at Changi Airport.

Enclosure: Background information on Globe Trotters Digital Photo Competition

Background

The inaugural Globe Trotters Digital Photo Competition was organised by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), in conjunction with Changi Airport's 'Digital Connection 2005', an annual event which showcases the latest electronic gadgets in the market.

Supported by The Photographic Society of Singapore and prize sponsors, SilkAir and Panasonic, the competition was opened to all travellers and photographers of any nationality. Entries could be submitted for any of the three categories :

- A. Faces
- B. Nature
- C. Cities or Festivals

Judging Criteria

The photographs were judged on:

- Creativity
- Overall technical quality
- Relevance to the theme
- X-factor

Panel of Judges

The members of the judging panel are:

(1) Steven Yee Pui Chung

A veteran photographer and Honorary Secretary of the Photographic Society of Singapore, Steven became the youngest photographer. In 1999, at the age 20, he was elected Associate of The Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain (ARPS) and The Photographic Society of Singapore (APSS). In 2003, Steven went on to become the youngest person to achieve the coveted Fellowship (FRPS, FPSS, FPSM) - a distinction in recognition of outstanding ability in a specialist field - in 2003.

(2) Chris Yap

Chris is an accomplished photographer and instructor with Objectifs, an established visual arts centre for photography and film-making. He has also produced prints for the Singapore History Museum and other photography shows around the world.

(3) Albert Lim Koon Seng

Albert is a prominent local architectural photographer with 20 years of experience. He has a list of accomplished projects including the Raffles Hotel coffee table book.

Winners and Prizes

The winner in each of the three categories was determined by the panel of judges, who also chose an Overall Winner from among the three winners. The winner for the "People's Choice" award went to the person who received the highest number of votes from passengers at Changi Airport.

- ***"Overall Winner" and Winner of "Cities or Festivals" Category***

Name : **Mr Lim Kien Hock**

Occupation : Advertising and Promotion Manager

Nationality : Malaysian

Age : 42

Prizes : A pair of business class air tickets to any SilkAir destination worth S\$9,000 and a Panasonic D'Snap Digital Camera worth S\$450

Title of photo: Preserving a fading tradition - the Lantern Festival

Inspiration: "The inspiration for my winning shot of the old, dilapidated sundry shophouse resulted from the sense of nostalgia that it stirred in me. Passing by the road quite frequently, it never failed to remind me of a time gone past, in my youth when such traditional lanterns were openly sold prior to the annual Lantern festival. Such traditional lanterns are so different from the modern day lanterns which used batteries

and what-not. I had the patience to wait for almost three consecutive days for the perfect shot until I had the luck to capture the special moment presented in my photograph. I hope that this photograph can preserve this special tradition for future generations to enjoy and experience."

- ***Winner of 'Faces' Category***

Name : **Mr Liew Tong Leng**

Occupation : Quality Engineer

Nationality : Singaporean

Age : 36

Prize : Panasonic D'Snap Digital Camera worth S\$450

Title of Photo : In the Water

Inspiration : "In The Water was taken at Pasir Ris Downtown East in the Wet and Wild Park . The pool had a side glass panel so the public could actually see people swimming in the pool. I happen to be passing by this unique pool when I saw these kids swimming. When they saw me trying to take a photo, they swam towards the glass panel. It's a rare shot as you don't get to take photos like this all the time."

- ***Winner of 'Nature' Category***

Name: **Mr Sergio Albornoz**

Occupation : Cameraman for Swedish Television

Nationality : Swedish

Age : 57

Prize : Panasonic D'Snap Digital Camera worth S\$450

Title of Photo: It was getting light

Inspiration: "The picture was taken in the early morning at around 6am from the 9 th floor of the hotel in Copa-Cabana Beach, Rio de Janeiro. The light was shining at the window and I looked out and saw a man with 2 dogs. It was such a beautiful sight from the top."

- ***Winner of 'People's Choice' Award***

Name : **Mr Wong Chek Poh**

Occupation : IT Consultant

Nationality : Singaporean

Age : 44

Prize : Panasonic Lumix Camera FZ30 worth \$1,199.

Title of Photo : Sunset Sydney (for **Cities or Festivals** category)

Inspiration : "I have always been fascinated by sunsets and didn't want to miss the opportunity to shoot the beautiful sunset in Sydney when I visited the state early this year. The panoramic view was taken from Mrs McQuarie's Chair, starting with the city skyline on the left to the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge on the right."

In addition, all passengers who participated in the "People's Choice Award" stood to win a Panasonic Mobile Phone VS2 (without contract) worth \$498 in a lucky draw.

Globe Trotters Prize Presentation Ceremony

Guest-of-honour, Mr Tan Lye Teck, Senior Director (Airport Management) presented the prizes to Mr Lim Kien Hock, the Overall Winner, at the Prize Presentation held on **14 December 2005**, Wednesday. Passengers present at the airport between 5pm to 6.30 pm were also invited to participate in the following activities:

- Free instant photos for transit passengers (5pm to 10pm);
- Musical performances (5pm to 6.30pm);
- Instant Lucky Dips (3 sessions) to win Changi Airport limited edition souvenirs (5pm and 6.30pm), and
- On the Spot Lucky Draw - Lucky draw coupons collected on the spot from the audiences and Emcee will draw 20 winners. (Prize: Limited Edition Coffee Table Book with compilations of the top 60 entries showcased at the exhibition)