



Short film 'Suraya' by FCA Student wins Best Film at AYYIF 2016

On 8 October 2016, a film entitled 'Suraya' directed by Zulaikha Zakaria, from the Faculty of Cinematic Arts (FCA) Multimedia University (MMU) won the Best Film Award at the Asian Youth Indie Film Festival 2016 (AYYIF) held at Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). 'Suraya' also won an award for best narrative in the festival, which was launched by Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Mary Yap Kain Ching.

Based on a real situation the director, Zulaikha, herself faced, it tells the story of ballet dancer Suraya who was chosen to perform in a show titled 'Adam & Eve' and had a conflict with her conservative mother, causing her to wonder if she should accept the offer. According to the film's producer, Ikhlas Khaled Novel Ngadimin, the shooting began early this year, taking four days and involving 10 crew members. The film won a trophy and certificate of appreciation for the achievement.

This was the second time UUM organised the AYYIF. This year's event had nine categories, with 60 local and foreign participants including from the United States of America (USA), Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia. The festival was aimed at discovering new talents among students in Asia in the creative industry as well as building up their confidence in it. This year, AYYIF also presented two special awards, the Young Generation Film Acting Icon to Pekin Ibrahim and Young Generation Film Director Icon to Shamsul Yusof.

Congratulations!



(Left photo) Zulaikha Zakaria (left) speaking on the preview of Suraya at FCA Showcase 2016 at Publica recently. (Right photo) Ikhlas Khaled Novel Ngadimin (left) receiving trophy and certificate from Datuk Mary Yap Kain Ching and witnessed by Prof. Datuk Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak, the Vice Chancellor of UUM at the AYYIF 2016.



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SINTOK: A film by Zulaikha Zakaria from the Multimedia University, 'Suraya' won the best film award at the Asian Youth Indie Film Festival 2016 (AYYIF) held at Universiti Utara Malaysia on Saturday night.

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The best documentary award was won by Julien Miguel N. Hernandez from the University of the Philippines, with the film 'Macho Gwapito', while the best music video was won by Noor Shafiq Nordin from Lightbrother Production with his entry 'Langkah Pendekar'.

Azfar Hamdii Mohd Saidi from Mr The All Shared Production won the best public service announcement through his entry 'Gentleman', while in the "Young Mind" category, the winner was 'Dendam' directed by Illman Farihin Rasid from Sekolah Menengah Agama Johor Bahru.

In the 'Animation' category, the film 'Dumping Dilemma' directed by Yu Jin and Andy Friz from the Columbus College of Art and Design, Ohio, USA won the Special Jury Award (Non-Asia) while 'Pagari Bulan' directed by Raja Aidzal Hakim from Centro Picture received the Special Jury Award.

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UUM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak told reporters that the festival was aimed at discovering new talents among students in Asia in the creative industry as well as building up their confidence in it. - Bernama