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Australian photography prize rewards winners from all over the world!



First prize 'My Livelihood'



Suhaimi Abdullah

Australian based photography site Ph.Art Gallery (www.photoartgallery.com) has awarded photographers from around the globe with its international "Pride of Place" competition.

First prize went to Suhaimi Abdullah from Singapore, second prize to George Cook of Australia and third prize to Johan Ensing of the Netherlands.

Numerous nationalities filled the notable mentions category.

"The standard was mind blowing" commented Andrew Coppin CEO and founder of the rapidly growing on line Gallery. "We are based in Sydney but our membership is global, there are no boundaries in our outlook and no boundaries it seems when it comes to the talent of our members".

The winning composition, 'My Livelihood' by Suhaimi Abdullah is a sensitive portrait of an elderly man making his daily rice in Kuala Medang, Malaysia. It was chosen out of over 2000 entries, by four judges from all corners of the globe; Singapore, UK, Australia and the US.



Suhaimi's first prize has earned him The Ultimate Photography Exposure & Reward Package including: An Olympus E-30 DSLR Camera with a 14-54mm lens; a PR, Marketing, Advertising and Promotional Material Package; and a Sponsored Travel Photography Assignment to the value of AUD \$2000. The total prize pool was worth over \$20,000.

Still shaking his head in disbelief Suhaimi commented laughingly, "I am born and bred in Singapore. I am still speechless at having won this international competition. Am I allowed to scream?"

The real prize according to Andrew Coppin is the opportunity for Australian photographers, amateur, beginners or professionals to mix it with passionate peers from all over the world.

"Our gallery is free to join and members are free to upload and sell their photographic work to the world. Members like Suhaimi and all the other winners grace our forums daily - there's no better place to learn about and share your art."

For more information about Suhaimi Abdullah read his full interview at:

www.photoartgallery.com/community/ph.orum/forumid/33/threadid/5972/scope/posts

To view the winning entries, place getters and finalists go to:

www.photoartgallery.com/community/competitions/pride-of-place-winners

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