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Co-op Hot Shots winners show how co-operative spirit of self-help transcends boundaries through photography

SINGAPORE, 29 June 2012— Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF), the apex body of Singapore’s co-operative movement, today announced the winners of ‘Co-op Hot Shots’, a co-operative photography competition, which drew the best shots from Singapore and across the world to as far as Poland, capturing the spirit of co-operative values.

As part of the year-long celebrations of the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives (IYC) 2012, SNCF invited photography enthusiasts to submit their best shots on theme of co-operative values — co-operation, caring for the community, equality, mutual help and self-reliance, for the competition from 1st March to 30th April this year.

A candid shot of construction workers helping to lift up the construction materials by Ng Lian Geok bagged the first prize among the local entries, while M. Yousuf Tushar from [Bangladesh] with his best shot of two fishermen collecting fingerlings caught in a huge net at dusk triumphed as the winner in international category. These two budding photographers also received cash prize of S\$3000 each.

A total of 16 top photographs were chosen as the winning shots of the competition including 10 merit prizes in the local category. These award-winning photos were exhibited during the Co-opaliciouz event on June 9 at Marina Barrage as part of the UN IYC celebrations.

A total of 613 entries were received for the print category and 583 for online submission. A panel of judges comprising [Bernard Teo (SAFRA PhotoClub), Meryvn Sek (NUS Photography Society), Leslie Tay (Blogger: I Eat, I Shoot, I Post), Dolly Goh (CEO, SNCF), Harry Lee (Manager, SNCF)] selected the winning shots based on articulation of co-operative theme, quality and aesthetic value of photography in their photos.

Ms Dolly Goh, Chief Executive Officer of SNCF said: “We believe a photography competition of this kind has provided a platform for the general public, especially photography enthusiasts to put their shooting skills to good use. As the participants were asked to interpret cooperative values and represent them through photographs, it has also helped to spread the messages that co-operatives promote values of self-help and doing social good.”

Co-op Hot Shots Photo Competition Winners

Local	International
Print Category	
Ng Lian Geok, 1 st	M. Yousuf Tushar, 1 st (Bangladesh)
Toh Say Jen, 2 nd	Jaime Sumugat Singlador, 2 nd (Philippines)
Yenny, 3 rd	Nimai Chandra Ghosh, 3 rd (India)
Cheah Kin Wai, Merit	
Bernard Poh Lye Kiat, Merit	

Low Chuan Huey, Merit	
Ng Yean Fong, Merit	
Kenneth Kwek Kai Wen, Merit	
Koh Ah Leck, Merit	
Yang Ping, Merit	
Wong Chek Poh, Merit	
Ong Beng Teck, Merit	
Kenneth Ong, Merit	
Online Category	
Tang Lai Kheng, 1 st	Rendy Tjia, 1 st (Indonesia)
Yip Kai Chung, 2 nd	Isabelita Rodriguez, 2 nd (Philippines)
Flo Yeow Jian Hao, 3 rd	Siriporn Sudjai, 3 rd (Thailand)
Chua Xin Hu, Merit	Radomir Ribic, Merit (Serbia)
Ling Qian Nong, Merit	Mohamad Azmil, Merit (Malaysia)
Mishra Jaina Alok, Merit	Safina Diana Jamaludin, Merit (Malaysia)
Tan Yee Cheng Renee, Merit	Mikkael Jeudiel Malabanan, Merit (Philippines)
Haripriya Lakshmanan, Merit	Yew Chee Yan, Merit (Malaysia)
Duncan Quek Ke Ming, Merit	Magdalena Kalpazanova-Stateva, Merit (Bulgaria)
Hannah Leung Ying Yiu, Merit	Yip Kai Weng, Merit (Malaysia)
Muhammad Burhan Bin Jumadi, Merit	Sreelal Sasidharan, Merit (India)
Ng Hui Yun Cecilia, Merit	Owen Reyes, Merit (Philippines)
Thong Wei Jie, Merit	Christopher Edbert Thenadi, Merit (Indonesia)

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About Singapore National Co-operative Federation

The Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF) is the apex body of Singapore's Co-operative Movement, and secretariat of the Central Co-operative Fund (CCF). Formed in 1980 with the aim of championing Singapore's co-operative movement, the apex body represents 99% of co-operative members in Singapore through its 67 affiliated co-operatives. Today, the Movement boasts a base of more than 1 million members.

SNCF aims to promote and develop co-operatives as sustainable enterprises that address social and economic needs through the co-operative principle of self and mutual help, so as to foster a more resilient society. SNCF is a member of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) and the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU). It enjoys co-operative relationship with the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and other international and regional bodies.

For more information on SNCF and the Singapore Co-op movement, visit: www.sncf.coop

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