

Rushing in to be first

Beeline to top prize



IT WAS sweet success for Tan Tee How when judges for the Creative Media Award selected his masterpiece as the category A winner in this year's competition.

He did not exhibit his joy with loud cheers or cartwheels but his toothy smile said it all.

He owed his success to his brother, Tan Tee Yeong, who won the first prize in last year's competition.

"He gave me tips on how to come up with a winning piece," said Tan.

The competition was divided into categories A and B which were open to secondary school students and the general public respectively.

The pressure was intense for category A participants who had to put their ideas on paper in front of a panel of judges and were given about three hours to complete their artwork.

Though he was pressed for time to complete his masterpiece, Tan said there wasn't a minute where he thought his artwork would not win.

"I was afraid time would run out before I completed my design but I kept thinking that I would win," he said.

And win he did.

Tan also attributed his success to his mother's efforts of recognising his artistic talents.

"She knew I was very interested in art since a very young age so she helped me by showing me drawings and buying me art supplies," he said.

Time was also a problem for category B winner, John Teoh.

The 33-year-old design lecturer had only one week to draw up the perfect partner for Cars' hero, Lightning McQueen.

"It was a rushed job but it paid off in the end," said Teoh.

Like Tan, Teoh also kept a positive mind during the competition which in turn, worked out well for him.



CUTE ENTRY: Teoh showing off the prizes he won for creating a car around the anatomy of a bee.

Teoh said he was inspired by the cute characters of Disney/Pixar's latest animated flick and thought Lightning deserved an equally cute partner.

After much thought, Teoh created a car around the anatomy of a bee.

According to Teoh, bees are not only cute and colourful but they are strong and powerful insects too.

"They are determined and will protect their colony when provoked so Lightning needs a partner like that," he explained.



BEAMING WITH PRIDE: Tan holding up his prizes. Opposite is his masterpiece.