

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Hospital concept wins esteemed architectural award

**KUALA LUMPUR** — Fairuz bin Abdul Aziz from University of East London bagged the top award in the Tan Sri Ar. Chan Sau Lai Architecture Awards 2014 held recently.

The third instalment for the annual architectural award that recognises outstanding achievements by students and acts as a stepping stone into the profession and industry was organised by the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) under the direction of PAM education fund, inaugurated since its launch on Aug 20, 2011.

This year's competition received 32 entries from local and overseas universities including University of Melbourne and University of East London.

Fairuz impressed the judges with his entry named *The Waiting Space*, a re-thinking of the idea of a hospital's waiting area with proposals for garden courtyards and a theatre.

Three Commendation Awards were presented to Mohd Edzuan bin Abdul Rahman from Universiti Sains Malaysia for his Revitalisation of Sungai Pinang as a Tourism Centre; Michele Julienna Vaz from Universiti Putra Malaysia for her Kota Damansara Memorial and Choong Weili from Limkokwing University for his Bioscape Terminal Georgetown Waterfront Design.

This year's competition received submissions of final year works from 25 PAM students and graduate members.

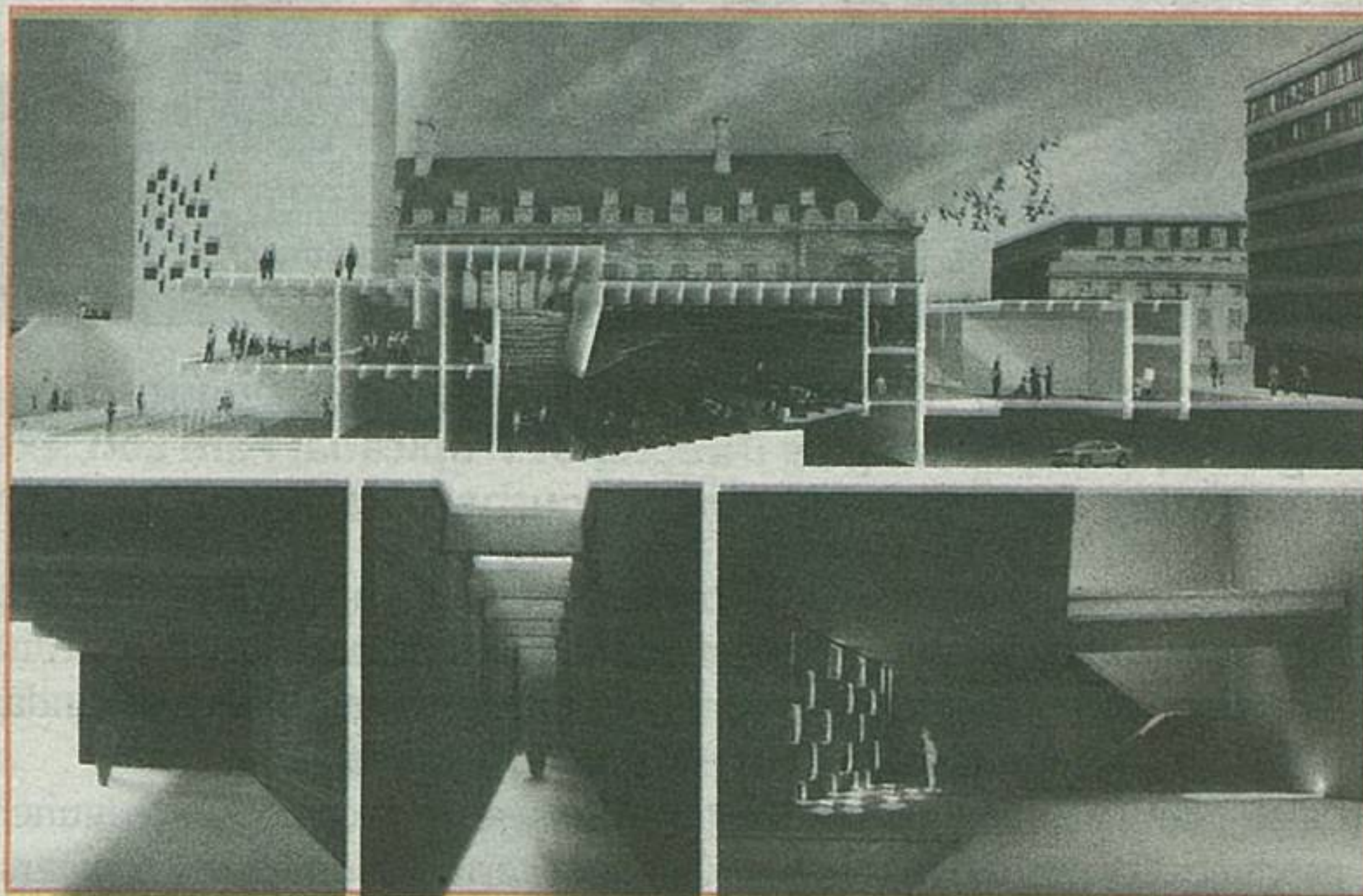
There were two stages of judging this year where the panel of jury would shortlist 10 design projects for stage one and finalists were required to make a presentation of their respective designs.

In stage two, the panel of jury would then interview the finalists and shortlist them.

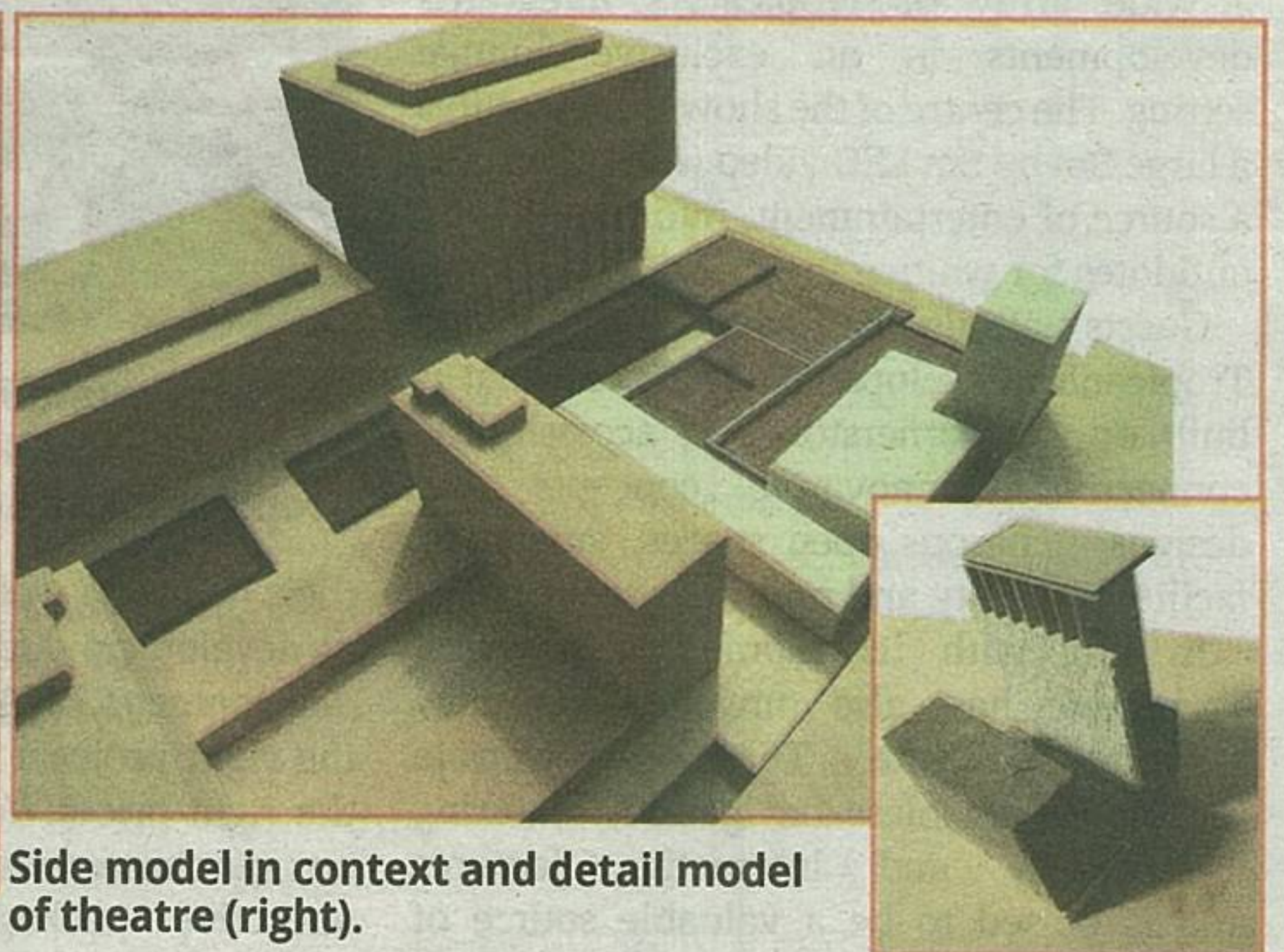
The panel of jury this year consisted of founder of the award and executive chairman of Beneton Properties, Chan Sau Lai; PAM president, Chan Seong Aun; co-founder of the award and past president, Boon Chee Wee; PAM vice-president and PAM education committee chairman, Mohd Zulhemlee An; Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) Gold Medalist 2013, Tan Cheng Siong and chairman of ARCASIA committee of Architecture Education (ACAE), Dr Chalay Kunawong.

The Architectural Award winner takes home RM25,000 and a winner certificate, while up to four commendation winners are awarded RM5,000 and a commendation certificate each. Finalists gain RM1,000 and a finalist certificate each.

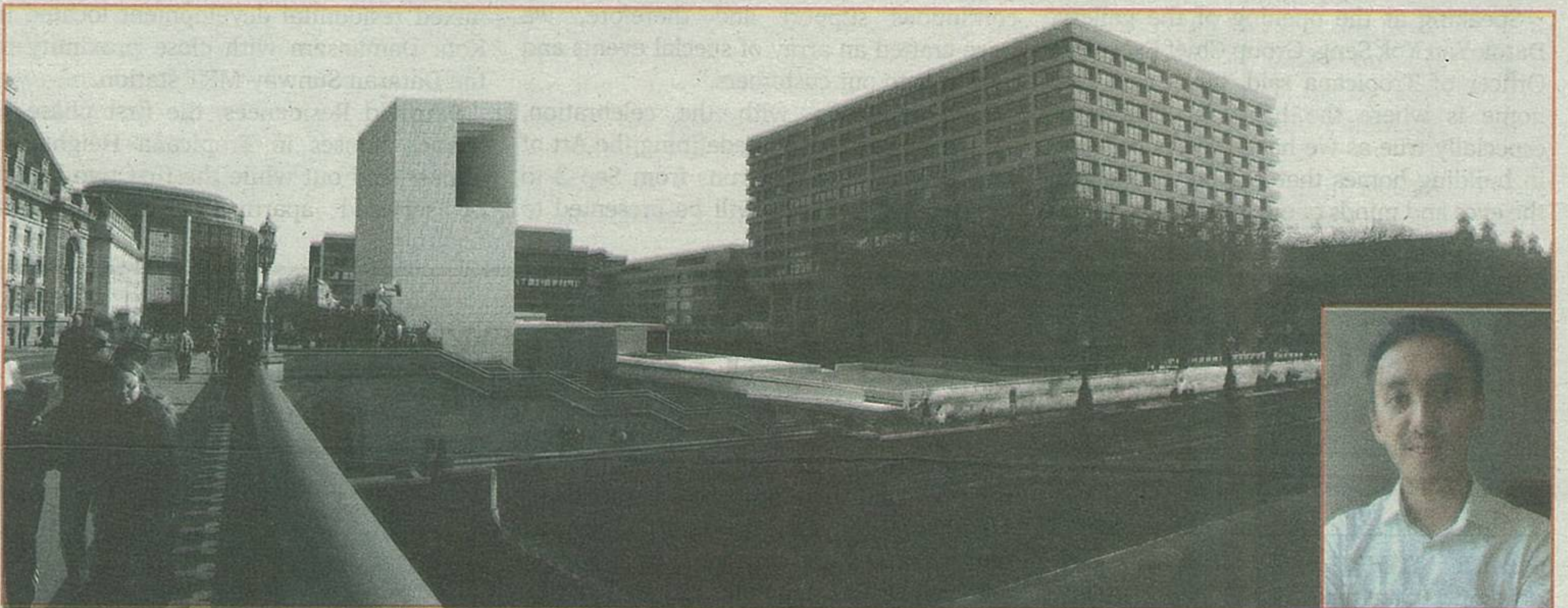
This year's ceremony was officiated by the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur Datuk Seri Ahmad Phesal Talib.



*The Waiting Space* sectional perspective through the theatre and plaza.



Side model in context and detail model of theatre (right).



The proposal of spacious gardens and a theatre was introduced to create a cheerful environment to provide some psychological relief for waiting patients. (Inset) The winner, Fairuz Abdul Aziz.

## Sunway clinches four awards at Seapa Malaysia 2014

**KUALA LUMPUR** — Sunway Bhd's impressive track record received further affirmation when it was conferred four accolades at the recent Southeast Asia Property Awards (Seapa) Malaysia 2014 including the Best Developer Award.

The group also won Best Housing Development awards in north Malaysia, central Malaysia and south Malaysia categories with Sunway Wellesley in Bukit Mertajam, Penang; Sunway Montana in Desa Melawai, Kuala Lumpur; and Sunway Lenang Heights in Taman Molek, Johor respectively.

Sunway Wellesley is an 82-acre residential project with a gross development value of RM800 million while Sunway Montana is a freehold residential development that boasts green features such as a 14-acre park, skywalk and a RM10

million clubhouse.

Sunway Lenang Heights is an exclusive gated freehold 88-acre residential project that has lush landscaping, parks and a clubhouse.

The joint MD of property development division, Malaysia and Singapore, Sarena Cheah said, "We are pleased to receive these recognitions as they help us benchmark our developments against the best in the region. Sunway is always striving to better its developments and brand for our communities while improving liveability for all Malaysians."

Sunway will represent Malaysia at the Seapa grand finale on Oct 16 in Singapore, where it will compete with winners from Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam.