

Makeover of hospital waiting space wins architectural award

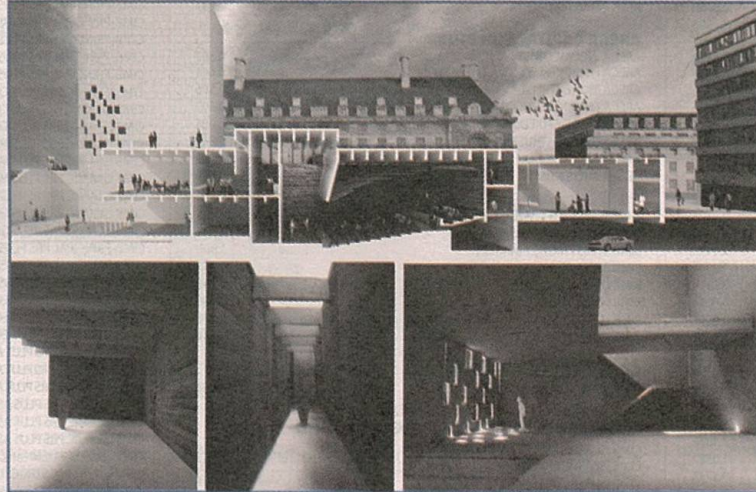
THE Tan Sri Ar. Chan Sau Lai Architecture Awards 2014 held recently saw some interesting entries. The third instalment for the annual architectural award that recognises outstanding achievements by students and acts as a stepping stone into the profession and industry was organised by the Malaysian Institute 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.

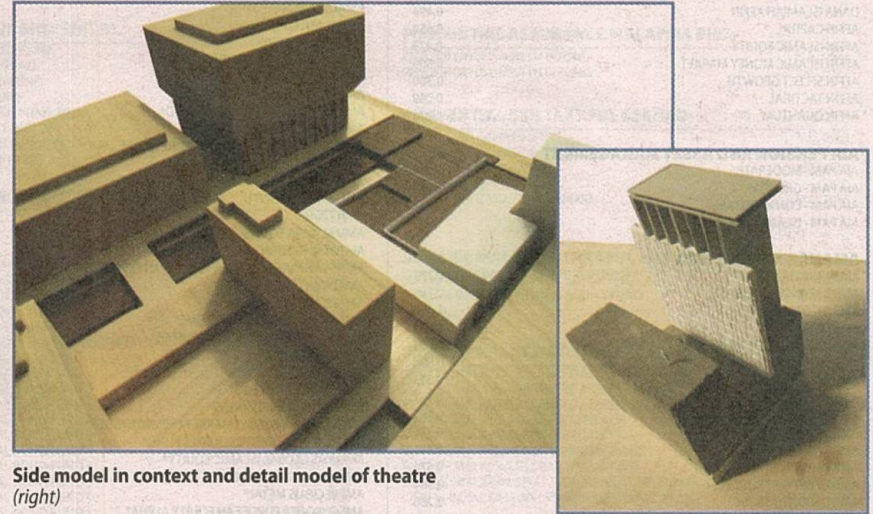
Fairuz bin Abdul Aziz from University of East London bagged the top award with his entry named *The Waiting Space*, a re-thinking of the idea of a hospital's waiting space with proposals for garden courtyards and a theatre.

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 Julieta Vaz from Universiti Putra Malaysia for her Kota Damansara Memorial and Choong Weili from Limkokwing University for his Bioscape Terminal Georgetown Waterfront Design.

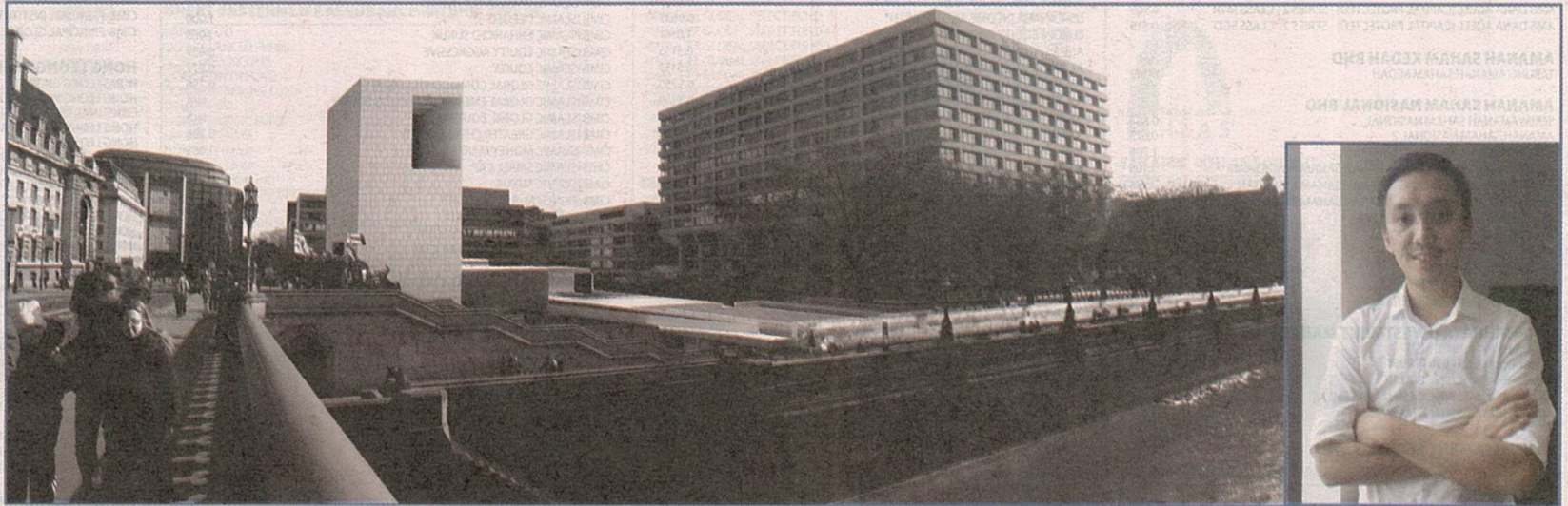
This year's competition received submissions of final year works from 25 PAM students and graduate



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.

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 presi-

dent, Chan Seong Aun; co-founder of the award and past president, Boon Che 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 Phasal Talib. – Kent Tan