

Celebrating design excellence

PAM recognises the nation's finest architects at gala awards night

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THE Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) held its annual award ceremony at the Pullman Hotel Bangsar in Kuala Lumpur last weekend, recognising the highest achievements in architectural concept and design across the nation.

A total of 38 awards were handed out under 11 categories, with each category offering an opportunity to win either a Gold or Silver Medal accolade, or a Commendation or Shortlisted recognition.

However, the big news was that only five of the possible 11 Gold Medals were awarded during the event, and despite introducing the Building of the Year category for the first time, there was no winner in this category this year.

At the ceremony, Convenor of the jury panel Wee Hii Min said that this was the result of a stringent judging process that is

based on a regional benchmark – a move that raises the bar of achievement for local architects.

"If you feel the judging is stringent, it is... that's why we don't have a winner in The Building of the Year category and that's why there were several categories without a Gold award handed out," he said.

Wee congratulated the winners on their success, but added that he hoped future instalments of the PAM Awards would see a greater number of government projects submitted.

"This is the national architecture awards and what better way to reflect the nation's confidence and culture than by showcasing good architecture commissioned by the state," he said.

The big winner of the night was Ken Wong Architect, which took home two Gold awards and two Silver awards. It won gold for Casaman in Desa Park City in the Multiple Residential Low-Rise category and for the design of a private library (location undisclosed) in the Design Category.

The private library also won the silver accolade in Single Residential Catego-



Winners pose with jurors at the conclusion of the awards ceremony

ry, as did its YTL Sales Gallery project under the Interior Design category.

The other Gold Medal winners were WHCB Architects in the Single Residential category for their work on Chempenai House

at Jalan Chempenai in Da-

mansara Heights, and Ar Mastor Surat in collaboration with ZLG Sdn Bhd for Menara Obyu (Point 92) in Damansara Perdana in the Commercial High-Rise category.

The jury panel for the PAM Awards 2014 was

made up of the institute's president Chan Seong Aun, University Putra Malaysia's head of architecture Meor Mohammad Fared, president-elect of the Architects Regional Council of Asia Sathirut Nui Tandandand, Arkitek JFN Sdn

Bhd's Mike Boon Chee Khian and editor-in-chief of *Singapore Architect* Kelley Cheng.

A total of 115 entries were received for this year's awards by PAM, and only 38 were shortlisted for final judging.

PAM Awards list of winners

CATEGORY 1 - SINGLE RESIDENTIAL

HOUSE: CHEMPENAI - GOLD AWARD
PRIVATE LIBRARY - SILVER AWARD
138 SIERRAMAS - COMMENDATION
TJANI - COMMENDATION
VILLA TANJUNG WAN - SHORTLISTED
HOUSE 12H - SHORTLISTED

CATEGORY 2 - MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL - LOW RISE

CASAMAN - GOLD AWARD
RYMBA HILLS VILLAS - SILVER AWARD
THE LIGHT COLLECTION 1 - COMMENDATION
AMANSARA BOUTIQUE TERRACE - SHORTLISTED

CATEGORY 3 - MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL - HIGH RISE

FIVE STONES - SILVER AWARD
ARATA - SILVER AWARD
THE LIGHT COLLECTION II (PIER APARTMENTS) - COMMENDATION
ST.MARY RESIDENCES - SHORTLISTED

CATEGORY 5 - INDUSTRIAL

PHILIPS LUMILEDS MALAYSIA - COMMENDATION

CATEGORY 6 - ADAPTIVE RE-USE

TROPICANA SALES GALLERY - SILVER AWARD
NO.19 - SILVER AWARD
YTL SALES GALLERY - COMMENDATION
SPICES HOTEL - COMMENDATION

CATEGORY 7 - COMMERCIAL - LOW RISE

SETIA ECOHILL SALES GALLERY - COMMENDATION
PARADIGM MALL - COMMENDATION
NO.19 - SHORTLISTED

CATEGORY 8 - COMMERCIAL - HIGH RISE

MENARA OBYU (POINT 92) - GOLD AWARD
UTUSAN MELAYU (MULTIMEDIA PUBLICATION HOUSE) - SILVER AWARD
THE INTERMARK - COMMENDATION
SETIA CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS - COMMENDATION

CATEGORY 9 - COMMERCIAL - MIXED DEVELOPMENT & HOSPITALITY

RIMBAYU CLUB VILLAGE - SILVER AWARD
ISLAND RESORT AT BATU BATU - COMMENDATION
TRADERS HOTEL, FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT - SHORTLISTED
BELUM RAINFOREST RESORT (PHASE II) - SHORTLISTED

CATEGORY 10 - INTERIOR DESIGN

PRIVATE LIBRARY - GOLD AWARD
YTL SALES GALLERY - SILVER AWARD
OFFICE: PASSION REPUBLIC - COMMENDATION
SETIA CITY CONVENTION CENTRE - COMMENDATION

CATEGORY 11 - SPECIAL CATEGORY

COMMUNAL BATH & TOILETS: KG.PIAN, KUALA KRAU, PAHANG - GOLD AWARD
THE ARC @ RIMBAYU CLUB VILLAGE - SILVER AWARD
FISH BONE @ THE LIGHT COLLECTION II - COMMENDATION
THE PENANG HILL RAILWAY STATION TRANSFORMATION - SHORTLISTED