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## TAR UC graduates gain global recognition



Winning big: A poster of Loke Yee's directorial debut short film "The Cloud is Still There".

A MALAYSIAN graduate is creating waves internationally after winning an award for her first film.

Lai Loke Yee won the Best Performance Award in the SeaShorts Film Festival 2020 for her directorial debut short film titled "The Cloud is Still There".

The film has also been selected to compete at the 25th Busan International Film Festival in South Korea, Norwich Film Festival in the United Kingdom (UK) and the National Film Festival for Talented Youth in the United States, Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) said in a press release.

The TAR UC graduate's film about the relationship between a Christian daughter and her Taoist mother is semi-autobiographical.

"In this film, we see how both the mother and daughter plead with God to save the girl's terminally ill grandfather.



“The reason I made this film is because I wanted to explore the different religious and cultural practices of Malaysian Chinese families.

“As it’s my debut short film, I wanted to do something that matters, is close to my heart and is an underrepresented topic. This project reminded me of who I am and what my responsibilities are as a filmmaker,” she said, adding that her diploma and degree in broadcasting communication gave her a strong academic foundation and sparked her interest in pursuing her dreams of becoming a filmmaker.

Another TAR UC student, Lim Siew Fern, has also done the nation proud.

The Bachelor of Commerce (Professional Accounting) student was crowned champion of the Ernst & Young (EY) Young Tax Professional of the Year (YTPY) 2020 Malaysia and will represent the country at the final round of the competition where she will compete against winners from over 30 countries.

As the national champion, Siew Fern took home RM8,000 and an opportunity to either accept a paid internship or a conditional employment offer with an EY member firm in Malaysia.

“My mind is blown! I’m grateful to those who have supported me – my mentors at home, at university and during my internship. You have all made me a better person.

“Apart from the technical skills that I’ve learnt, this competition also tested my maturity and creativity in coming up with business solutions. It’s a priceless experience.

“Whatever it is that you’ve set your sights on, go for it because you will never know what you’re capable of until you push your boundaries,” she said.

The EY YTPY 2020 global final will be held virtually this month, EY said in a press release.

