

## A shot at depicting love for country

Capture what makes Malaysia a successful melting pot and enter contest

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SHUTTERBUGS are invited to enter the Blossom Arts Festival Malaysia (BAFM) 2017 Photography Contest.

The contest offers a total of RM18,500 in cash and prizes for the Open category, while for the Students category, prizes worth RM11,000 are up for grabs.

The grand prize for the Open category is RM2,000 and a Canon EOS 800D camera worth RM5,000.

Meanwhile, the champion in the Students category stands a chance to win a Canon EOS 750D camera worth almost RM3,000.

The contest is centred around the theme "Love For My Home, My Town, My Country" to support the theme of **Negaraku**.

"We urge photographers to let their creative juices flow and send us deeply meaningful photos that will reflect on our theme," said Malaysian Chinese Culture and Arts Consultative Council chairman Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun during the launch at Tunku Abdul Rahman University College.

She said contestants were invited to showcase the values that



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have helped Malaysia through more than half a century of national development.

"It is with peace, unity and solidarity that has made Malaysia a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious model nation to the world," she said.

Strategic partners for the contest are the Selangor and Kuala Lumpur Photographic Society and Canon Marketing (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, which sponsored a total of RM28,000 in prizes.

"There will also be photography courses conducted in 23 educational institutions including schools and colleges and universities to



Chew (centre) launching the 'Love For My Home, My Town, My Country' BAFM 2017 Photography Contest with (from right) Kakiseni project manager and awards head Lynn-Loo, Star Media Group photo editor Ng Kok Leong, Tunku Abdul Rahman University College president Datuk Dr Tan Chik Heok, Canon Marketing (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd assistant director Jeffrey Kung, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur Photographic Society president Ng Wei Lee and vice-president Tan Chee Keong.

boost interest in photography among students," said Chew.

The competition is the fourth in a series of events in conjunction with the BAFM 2017.

The BAFM 2017 will mark the celebration of Merdeka this August

with a month-long cultural and arts programmes.

The contest registration is free and participants can submit unlimited entries.

The Open category is for all Malaysians while the Students cate-

gory is open to students aged 13 to 25 years.

There will be 23 winners selected from each category.

For details, visit [www.blossomartsfestival.my](http://www.blossomartsfestival.my) and follow the BAFM Facebook page.