

## USM STUDENT'S MASTERPIECE ART SCULPTURE WON PENANG URBAN SCULPTURE COMPETITION AND WAS INSTALLED IN GURNEY DRIVE, PENANG



Figure 1 : The Ceremony Award of Penang Urban Sculpture Penang 2022

The Penang Urban Sculpture Competition was organised by IJM Light City, is a competition for young artists; and it is to promote Penang as a centre for the arts. The project's objective, which has the slogan "Where light meets water," is to promote an increase in the enjoyment of urban art while fostering the creative potential of aspiring sculptors and boosting the tourist industry. YB Yeoh Soon Hin, head of the Penang Tourism and creative economy committee, said that the Penang Urban Sculptures initiative would increase the state's prominence on the world stage as an art hub.

RM 10,000 has been rewarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner Mr Syamirul Alif Shahardin, with sculpture name Luminous Pearl. The masterpiece art sculpture was exhibited in a prominent location at Persiaran Gurney on 14th May 2023. While, Mr Abdul Munir Mohammad Lokman, also from Master of Architecture Program, USM was selected for the consolation prize category.



Figure 2 : The 1st Prize winner and final consolation award.



**Figure 3 :** The Presentation Board by Mr. Syamirul Alif Shaharudin "Luminous Pearl"

The sculpture will be moved to The Waterfront Shoppes after the IJMPD's The Light City project adjacent to the Penang Bridge has been finished. The Waterfront Shoppes is a retail mall inside the seaside project that is 1.5 million square feet in size.



**Figure 4 :** The Grand Opening Ceremony of Luminous Pearl Sculpture

The State Executive Councillor for Tourism and Creative Economy, YB Yeoh Soon Hin, was present to launch the art sculpture that was installed. In attendance were also Dato Toh Chin Leong, Director of IJM Perennial Development; Tan Hun Beng, General Manager of IJM Perennial; and the Penang director for the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture (MOTAC), amongst other notable individuals.

Special thanks to the lecturers, Dr Nooriati Taib and Ar. Idr. Zalena Abdul Aziz; from Architecture Program of School of Housing, Building and Planning (HBP) for their encouragement and supervision from the beginning of the competition to the final moments of the Grand Opening Ceremony of the sculpture. The creativity and technical skills of the students were brought to light, and those who worked hard were rewarded. The students in HBP have continuously succeeded in winning competitions due to great support and effort from the school.



Figure 6 : The art sculpture and design concept signage were installed in Gurney Drive, Penang