

# Nurfarina wins for write-up on Islamic figures

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Nurfarina Kala, 17, is the winner of "Jom Kenali Tokoh-Tokoh Islam Terkemuka" a contest organised by Kelab Taha, Lembaga Tabung Haji and *Berita Harian*.

The pupil of SMK Jalan Bukit Kajang received RM200, a certificate and an exclusive bag from Tabung Haji at the New Straits Times Press (NSTP), office in Bangsar here recently.

Nurfarina said she never thought that she would win the contest and that it was the first contest she has taken part in.

"I saw the contest advertisement in *Berita Harian* and decided to try my luck.

"I spent three days doing research on prominent Islamic figures before submitting my write-up.

"I was surprised when my name was announced. I'm happy and grateful to win this contest," she said.

She also added that Imam Al-Ghazali was her favourite Islamic figure because of his contribution to philosophy, religion and Sufism.

Second prize winner Mohamad Adib Aziz, 17, received RM150 while third prize winner Farah Afiqah Jamil,

16, received RM100.

Ten pupils won consolation prizes of RM50 and received a certificate each.

The contest also included a category of most school participation.

Five schools with the most participation were SK Seri Sekinchan, SMK Meru, SMK Seri Gombak, SK Kampung Baharu (L) Ayer Tawar and SK Batu 38 Sabak Bernam.

Each school received RM500.

Tabung Haji general manager of customer service Mohd Saimi Mat Som said the contest was to cultivate reading habits among the youths and to remember the contributions of Islamic figures.

"We received 4,000 entries from schools in peninsular Malaysia, mostly from secondary school students. We selected those who wrote creative pieces about the Islamic figures," he said.

Also present at the prize-giving ceremony were *Berita Harian* executive editor (news) Norhayati Md Said and *Berita Harian* education editor Muhd Yusuf Abu Bakar. **By Fairuz Mohd Shar**



Mohd Saimi Mat Som (in black suit) congratulating the winners (from right) Nurfarina Kala, Farah Afiqah Jamil and Mohamad Adib Aziz. Looking on are Muhd Yusuf Abu Bakar and Norhayati Md Said. Pic by Nurul Syazana Rose Razman