

# Innovative designs from young people

test, jointly organised by Johnson & Johnson Medical and UKM's optometry department.

First prizewinner Hsaneh Mohamad won RM750, Sarulakmal Mohd Tasrib received RM500 for coming second, and Tan Chung Shin won the third prize of RM300.

The contest was open to all UKM final-year optometry students.

Contestants had to write an essay, "How disposable contact lenses can benefit teenagers."

☐ KHOO Kay Loong received the Award of Excellence and Chew Ching Hong was awarded the Principal's Shield at the Sunway College Australian Matriculation Programme Awards Day, which signifies the completion of 50 per cent of the programme - the completion of the coursework component.

Khoo won for scoring the highest accumulated points in the internal examination, and Chew was selected for being the top student in his class and an all-rounder.

Khoo also received subject awards for applicable maths and information systems, and Chew for economics, chemistry and English.

Other winners of subject awards were Khoo Joe Nice (human biology and English as a Second Language), Wong Voon Siong (physics and calculus), Angela Yap Siew Peng (history), Chin



**EXCELLENT** ... Chew receives the Principal's Shield

May Ghee (advanced Malay), Chang Kah Hoong (advanced Chinese), Teo Wen Ping (accounting), and Elisabeth Tucker (discrete maths).

One hundred and ninety students received certificates of completion.

☐ WONG Jan Chun of Sekolah Menengah Chung Hwa Kota Baru won first prize, RM1,000, in the essay-writing contest organised by Inti College and Koperasi Jayadiri Malaysia Berhad (Kojadi).

Ho Tatt Wei and Neoh Hor Kee of Penang Free

School won the second and third prizes of RM800 and RM500 respectively.

There were 10 consolation prizes of RM100 each.

The competition was open to secondary school students between the ages of 15 and 20.

The essay topic was: "The preservation of family values is integral in promoting a caring society."

Seventy-five entries were received.

Chief judge Teoh Lsi Neo said most participants found the topic difficult.

"They discussed family values, but didn't show the importance of their preservation in promoting a caring society," she said.

☐ A 38-year-old MBA student of Universiti Sains Malaysia, Chong Pak Kin, won the Securities Commission Capital Market Award in the postgraduate category with his thesis "Valuation of convertible loan stocks in the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange."

The award comes with a prize of RM7,500 and trophy.

Chong, an operations manager with a manufacturing plant in Bayan Lepas, Penang, now undergoing training in San Jose, California, chose the topic because he "played a bit on the KLSE and was looking at some other investment stocks. Since I did not understand convertible loan stocks and irredeemable convertible loan stocks, I thought it was a good idea to study this, both for academic and for investment purposes," he said.

The Securities Commission introduced the award in 1995 to encourage research into the Malaysian capital market. There are four awards each year: best paper from faculty members, with a prize of RM10,000; two awards of RM7,500 for postgraduates; and one award of RM5,000 for undergraduates.

Entries can be project papers, theses or dissertations.