

## **EMB announces the winners of the on-the-spot-painting contest**

Ten outstanding works of art were awarded with prizes by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) during its on-the-spot painting contest for Metro Manila college students held at the Ampitheater of the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Nature Center in Quezon City last June 13, 2009.

Bagging first place and a prize of Php15,000 is Lance Kirby Yaneza from the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (E.A.R.I.S.T) for "Sisibol Ang Bagong Pag-asa." Second placer and Php10,000 prize winner is Julmard Vicente from the University of the East – Caloocan for his "Handle with Care" while for the third place and Php 7,000 prize is Kyla Eirene Gonzales from the University of Santo Tomas for "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness."

Minor prizes of Php2,500 were also given to seven more students namely, Paulo Amparo of FEATI University for "Planting Trees for Better Air," Rommel Ramota from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines for "Love Letter," Clarissa Marie Rodriguez from the University of the Philippines, Threeszend Astrid Castillo from the University of Santo Tomas (UST) for "Say No to Smoke Belching," Jonnel Benedict Reyna from UST for "Ulan," Ejem Alarcon from E.A.R.I.S.T for "Nakasalalay sa Ating Kama yang Kaligtasan ng Ating Kapaligiran," and Ronante Maratas from FEATI for "Save the Earth from Global Threat."

Gift bags were also given to the 10 winners courtesy of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) – Energy and Clean Air Project.

The theme for the painting contest was "Cleaning the Air for a Safer Climate: What Would It Take?" Participants were provided by the organizers with an 18" x 22" canvas. The medium was either oil or acrylic paint which the participants brought with them.