



TRA Announces the Winners of its Art Competition

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority has today announced the winners of the 2009/10 *TRA ART* Competition.

The competition, which was launched in October 2009, was designed to allow young people in the Kingdom to express through art how telecommunications and information and communications technology (ICT) can be used in our everyday lives. Students were encouraged to consider through their art how ICT could amongst other things be used to create a greener and more inclusive society or how ICT could to shorten the distances between people or how ICT could be used to foster safer use of the internet.

By the closing date of the competition on 31st March 2010 TRA had received in excess of 270 pieces of art in six categories. These were shortlisted down to 10 finalists to be judged by a panel of leading Bahraini artists. The final shortlisted artists were invited to the award ceremony held at the Bahrain Art Society's headquarter.

TRA Chairman and Acting General Director Dr. Mohammed Al Amer distributed the awards to the winners of the competition and trophies to winning schools and universities.

The winners' names are as follows:

Winner	Art type	Student name	School
First	Ceramics	Mohammed Hussain Shanaa	Eman School
Second	Ceramics	Eman Ahmed AlGhrubal	Sanabis intermediate School
Third	Ceramics	Wala' Majdi	OmKalthom School
Third	Sculpture	Khalil Ebrahim Almadhoon	Helwan University
First	Painting	Miral Mustafa	West Riffa Intermediate School
Second	Painting	Nada AlSindi	West Riffa Intermediate School
Third	Painting	Shila Abbas AlAnsari	OmSalama Intermediate School
First	Painting	Fatima Isa Mohammed Karam	University of Bahrain
Second	Painting	Amani Zaki AlBuraki	Ahliya University
Third	Painting	Mohanad Mustafa	University of Bahrain

TRA's Consumer Affairs Manager Ms. Ghada Al-Qassab said "We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Education for their great support which has resulted in the success of this event. We have been overwhelmed by not only the number of pieces of art

submitted but also level achieved by these young artists and the imagination that they have shown. We believe this Art Competition has achieved its intended goal of raising awareness of ICT as a means to assist in closing the distance between people, improving our environment and enabling people with disabilities to lead a richer and more complete life.”

TRA also recognised the role of the Teachers who play a vital role in educating the students about our local traditions and values and ensuring through their encouragement that these are reflected in the art that has been produced.

The competition had 2 age groups with 3 categories (painting, sculpture and ceramics) in each age group. With a total prizes reaching out to BD 13,500, with a pre-condition that winners will donate 25% of their prize money to a charity of their choice to include Environment Protection, Orphans, or Elderly Care categories.

About TRA

Since its establishment in 2002 the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain (TRA) has been working with government, consumers, operators and investors to develop the Kingdom of Bahrain into the region’s most modern communications hub and to facilitate the growth of the market. As an exemplary Regulator for the region, TRA independently carries out its duties in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. More information about TRA can be viewed at www.tra.org.bh

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