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Kajang School Wins International Award

KAJANG, May 24 (Bernama) – The first-ever entry submitted by Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil (SJKT) Kajang to the Interact Video Awards (IVA) 2015 has won international recognition with its win of the Fan Favourite Award for its video clip.

The school beat 87 other entries in the category involving 25 countries.

"The concept of '1 Interactor 1 Plant' was a project by the SJKT Kajang Interact Club members, aimed at providing the students with environmental conservation awareness.

"The project was recorded in a video clip for the IVA 2015 and the school won 42,106 votes, beating the entry from Brazil (39,000 votes) and India (37,000 votes)," the school's headmaster John Posko Anthony told reporters after the Interact Award presentation ceremony held at the school Tuesday.

The award comprised a plaque and certificate of appreciation which were presented by the Governor of Rotary International District 3300 Malaysia, Siti Subaidah Adil, at the ceremony.

Siti Subaidah said the success was the result of collaboration between Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Kajang Rotary Club, Interact Club of SJKT Kajang and the school teachers.

SJKT Kajang was the first national-type primary school in the country to set up an Interact Club.

"It is important for schools to be involved in international projects as it gives them exposure to global challenges," said Siti Subaidah.

IVA is an annual programme organised by the International Rotary Club, aimed at developing the leadership qualities and personality of students throughout the world.

At the same ceremony today, 50 poor students of the school were given MyKasih Cards for 10 schooling months, courtesy of Yayasan MyKasih, Kajang Rotary Club and the SJKT Kajang Parent-Teacher Association.

The card has a value of RM60 a month and can be used to buy food at the school canteen, and stationery from the school bookshop.