

ISG's Siddharth declared Commonwealth Gold Medal Winner for photography



Siddharth Murali student of grade 12, Indian School Al Ghubra has been declared Junior Gold Winner for the 2011 Commonwealth Photographic Awards organized by The Royal Commonwealth Society. Winning this prize is a huge achievement, as Siddharth's 'Wheel of Progress' is one among the hundreds of entries from young aspiring and professional photographers from every corner of the Commonwealth. Just 22 photos were chosen for exhibition and 8 have been awarded top prizes. The standard of entry is always extremely high and entrants competed with their peers from 46 countries.

As a special prize commissioned by the Western Australian Government, Siddharth's photo will be exhibited at the Commonwealth Festival Perth. This will take place during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (23-30 October), attended by 54 leaders from across the world. Siddharth's winning image will be published on the Commonwealth website, and promoted amongst local, national and international networks across the Commonwealth. 'We pride ourselves on acting as a springboard for young creative talent, and very much look forward to celebrating Siddharth's achievement and promoting his winning entry' stated Mary Geer, Programmes Assistant, The Royal Commonwealth Society. 'As one of this year's top prize-winners, we hope that Siddharth chooses to take part in all of our programmes, and act as an ambassador for the Commonwealth in his local community and beyond' added Ms. Geer.



Siddharth has been a keen photographer from a very young age. He has won various competitions held in school and by other reputed organisations. Among his recent achievements is the 'Click Flick' prize in photography conducted by H! Nation, Times of Oman. Siddharth has been the unanimous winner of the 'Photographer of the Year' of ISG award, for the past three years in recognition of his talent and achievement. Vaibhav Murali of grade 8, also made a mark in the same contest for his entry, along with that of Haritha Maheshwari, a grade 12 student, were short listed in the last 22 photos.

The ISG family has extended their heartiest congratulations to SiddharthMurali for his stupendous achievement.