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And the winner is...

By ANNA VIVIANNE

The finale of the Miss Borneo 2006 pageant organised by Sri Andaman saw Tawau lass Suzannah Kassim, 18, winning the title, and walking away with various fabulous prizes including cash, diamond jewellerys and crystal jewellerys as well as a crown, sash and bouquet of flowers. She was also Miss Favourite.

The first runner up was Shane Mohamad, 22, from Likas who also brought home cash, diamonds, crystal as well as crown, sash and bouquet of flowers. Shane also won the title of Miss Personality.

The second runner up was Maria Yakub, 19, of Likas. She was presented with similar gifts. Marie Baxter, 17, of Tanjung Aru and Tini Micheal, 22, of Penampang won the fourth and fifth place respectively.

Meanwhile, Lulu Kwok of Penampang was adjudged the Best Catwalk and Emma Kiskey of Putatan won the Miss Body Beautiful. Wendy Lo of Kota Kinabalu won Miss Beautiful Skin.

These girls were among the 22 contestants who vied for the title. They went through a grueling three rounds before the final ten were picked for the catwalk on Saturday night.

They had to go through an intelligent quotients (IQ) test, where they were asked about the tourism

products in Malaysia as well as general knowledge. Since most of them were students, they were able to answer the questions posed to them satisfactorily, if not brilliantly.

Ten make up artists who applied cosmetics and did the hairdo for the contestants were also acknowledged.

The judges for the contests were a Lawyer Ewon Patrick, Miss Sabah 2006, Shaline Liew, a model and hairstylist, Angel, boutique owner Yvonne, Mr Hulk 2004 Nick Wash, and a contractor Ng Teng Aun who was also the head judge.

On the pageant, Ng said that it was a good idea and well executed. Although there were minor glitches, he believed that it could be improved tremendously and become a yearly event.

According to him, the event's main function being to introduce the national costume Batik and locally made costume jewellerys was a good idea as it will introduce shopping tourism in Kota Kinabalu and Sabah as a whole.

"Our Government is promoting tourism actively and I believe the organisers are contributing in a small but meaningful way," he stressed.

Sri Andaman, a Bridal and Wedding Planner Outlet was the main organiser with sponsorship from KK Diamonds, Janna Enterprise, Sri Selera KG Air, Ocean Yield and Carlsberg. Other sponsors were Euro Café, City Parade Seafood Restaurant, Pesona Boutique, A'sutra Boutique, City Catwalk Boutique and BED. The event was held at Le Meridien Hotel, one of the event's main sponsors.