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Kartini picked as new host for `3R' fifth season

AUDITOR Kartini Kamalul Ariffin won the judges over at the finals of the "3R Fresh Face" contest with her intelligence and "outspokenness" to be the new host of the television programme 3R - Respect, Relax and Respond's fifth season.

The finals was held at Matrix at Phileo Damansara One in Petaling Jaya, Selangor recently.

Kartini, 24, from Kuala Lumpur, impressed the judges and the audience with her sweet charming attitude and spontaneous response when she was tested on how to react in a situation relating to women issues.

Thoughtful and always speaking her mind, Kartini, however, was surprised when she was announced the winner for the contest.

"I am speechless. The contest is quite tough, and other finalists also performed their best to capture the attention of the judges.

"Anyway, I'm very happy with the win," she said.

Adventurous and independant, the bubbly young lady loves to travel and has travelled extensively abroad, including to Italy, France and Spain.

Kartini swims and jog to keep fit.

The "3R Fresh Face" contest was held to look for a new host for the programme. The host should fit the criteria of being confident, knowledgeable, outgoing and can work together in a team.

All finalists had to go through two rounds.

The first one was a living skill test, which required the participants to check a car, as well as a simple outdoor obstacle, and acting in front of the camera.

The second round required the participants to creatively introduce themselves to the audience, as well as go through several tests on how to adapt to different scenarios, and compatibility with the other two hosts of 3R, namely Yuen and Azah.

Kartini will be replacing Rafidah in the fifth season of 3R, as Rafidah will be pursuing her studies abroad.

Earlier, a contest called "Kotex Guess Who's Leaving?" was held to give the audience at the finals an opportunity to guess who would be leaving 3R.

3R is a television programme produced by Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, which focuses on women's issues, as well as educating adolescents and men to understand more about women.

At the finals of the "3R Fresh Face" contest, the audience was entertained by Mystique Diversity, Reefa and Ning Baizura.

Sponsors for the event included Kotex, Motorola, TMNet, Ford, Nestle, Nike, British India, Guess, Eastin Hotel and Klue.com.

For details on 3R, visit its website at <http://3R.com.my>.