



Ghastly appearance:
The Grim Reaper bagged the Unique Costume prize for Vincent Boo at Queensbay Mall.

Haunted runway



HISSES:
Taryn Lim Wei Chien, 23, won the 'Best Halloween Costume' dressed as a green human snake at Penang Times Square.

Horror-inspiring fashion rules the catwalk on Halloween night

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CHUCKY, a green human snake, a headless ghost and the Grim Reaper were among the numerous entries in Halloween costume contests held at the Penang Times Square and Queensbay Mall in Penang.

The participants were "dressed to kill" as they paraded in their costumes in the contests on Saturday.

Queensbay Mall's Helluva Halloween Costume Competition was a keenly contested affair that was graced by all sorts of malevolent-looking entities, from the Grim Reaper to the disfigured Freddie Krueger.



Mad Hatter: Consolation winner of the Queensbay Mall's Helluva Halloween Costume Competition, Hee Lee Joyce.



Spine-chilling: Alessandro Joshua as 'Sadako' (left) and Tan Seoh Chen as 'Seed of Chucky' (right) obliging a photo request by a shopper at Queensbay Mall.



Chou's night out: The contestants in the Best Halloween Costume taking a group photo at Penang Times Square.

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Complete with torn flesh, dripping blood and powder white faces, it was clear that the participants had invested much time and effort into making their appearance every bit as believable as the real thing.

Though some opted for more benign looks, their eerie glances coupled with long, flowing robes hinted at more sinister undertones.

Walking away with the Scariest Award was the youngest participant, 12-year-old Alessandro Joshua who modelled himself

Way past his bedtime: Aaron Ewe, appearing as the ghost kid from the movie *Ju-On*, at the Penang Times Square.



after Sadako, the antagonist in the horror flick *The Ring*. "I love horror movies. When I first saw *The Ring*, the character scared me "the most," Joshua said. He confessed to being a little nervous as it was his first time on stage but told himself to just get down to doing the part and managed to do so convincingly. Vincent Boo, 21, who dressed as the Grim Reaper, won the Most Unique Award. With scythe in hand and mock coffin in tow, his costume was an elaborate one that took three weeks to complete. "It's very hot and feels like



an oven in here!" Boo quipped. Tan Seoh Chen, also 21, bagged the Most Creative Award for her portrayal of Seed of Chucky. A fan of Chucky movies, she said it gave her the idea to do something creative. The three award winners took home RM500 each.

There were also consolation prizes, in the form of goody bags, for Hee Lee Joyce, 13, Phang Jit Chuan, 25, and Hor Thean Yoong, 26. About 20 people took part in the contest.

Taryn Lim Wei Chien, who dressed up as a green human snake, won the top prize at the Penang Times Square contest with her scary reptilian looks. She took home RM388 plus vouchers from Gittel.

"I got the inspiration to dress up as a snake from the recently released movie *Hissss*," said the 23-year-old college student.

"Plus, I have these contact lenses which give me the snake eye look so I figure why not dress as one," quipped the lass.

Lim, 23, said she would use her prize money to treat her friends to a meal. The contest also attracted about 20 entries.

Children were not left out as they took part in the Halloween Kids Costume contest. The nine contestants were given two minutes to show their goriest look on stage.

The first prize went to Tan Yi Ying, 11, who sported a 'ghost tree' look, while Lim Jing Ling took home the second prize.

Yi Ying was visibly delighted and she walked away with a plush toy and trophy. "I cannot wait to go back and sleep with my new toy," exclaimed the happy lass.

Her mother, Tan Lay Ai, said it took the tailor three days to complete the extravagant costume.

Third prize winner Brenda Khoo, 12, who dressed up as a headless woman, made the costume herself.

Draped in blood red clothes, Brenda said it took her two days to complete the costume.