



SHORTLISTED: (Left) Mr Jason Chua Cheong and his family posing with the mural Little Boy with Pet Dinosaur, drawn by Lithuanian artist Ernest Zacharevic, at Ah Quee Street in Georgetown, Penang. (Right) Ms Darshita Thurairajah with a pair of llamas in Pichincha, Ecuador. PHOTOS: JASON CHUA CHEONG, DARSHITA THURAIRAJAH

Simple shot snags prize

By OLIVIA HO

A SIMPLE yet moving snapshot of her 86-year-old father reading The Straits Times at the dining table has bagged ST reader Selina Wee a cash prize of \$1,000.

Ms Wee, 55, a former external auditor, is the first weekly winner of the ST, Wherever You Are contest.

She was surprised her entry won because "my photo was so simple", she said yesterday.

The photo shows her father, retiree Wee Thian Lee, with the newspaper. On the table is a plate

of fried rice and a bowl of spinach soup which his wife had prepared.

Mr Wee quipped: "I just wanted my lunch."

The ST, Wherever You Are contest showcases how the paper brings content across various platforms to readers, wherever they are.

It calls on readers to take a photo or a video of themselves or their loved ones enjoying life. Bonus points are given to those who weave in a creative reference to the newspaper.

The quiet domestic setting of Ms Wee's photo appealed to Mr

Goh Eng. Yeow, senior Straits Times money correspondent and the judge of this week's entries.

"What strikes me about the picture is the very ordinariness of someone sitting at his kitchen table reading ST before having his meal," said Mr Goh, 51.

As of yesterday, 650 entries have been received from places ranging from Europe to North America.

Readers stand to win cash prizes worth more than \$30,000.

The top winner gets a trip for two to London to catch the Chelsea versus Manchester City match



WINNER: Mr Wee Thian Lee enjoying his Straits Times, with a simple home-cooked meal of fried rice and spinach soup on the dining table. PHOTO: SELINA WEE SU LIN

at Stamford Bridge on Oct 27. He or she will enjoy a five-day hotel stay courtesy of the Millennium & Copthorne Hotels and at least \$3,000 cash.

Among the 20 entries shortlisted this week was a photo by Ms Darshita Thurairajah, 22. It shows

her in Pichincha, Ecuador, posing with a pair of llamas.

Ms Thurairajah, who will start her postgraduate law studies at the Singapore Management University next month, said she wanted to send in photos from her recent five-week trip to Mexico, Ec-

uador and Peru to raise awareness of South America as a travel destination.

"I want to let people know that these places are not as unsafe as they are made to seem. That's why I joined the contest."

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