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# Old fashion and new faces tell a new kabaya story

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The 6th "Singapore Story" winners: Lin Yuyan (second from left), Kavita Thulasidas (fourth from left), Madhushah Samy (sixth from left), Chung Lifeng (first from right) and Anseina Eliza (third from right), with Minister Shen Ying (sixth from right) and Singapore Fashion Association Chairman Zhang Weixiong (fifth from right). (Courtesy of Singapore Fashion Council)

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The five winners of the 6th "Singapore Stories" were voted on by guests at the fashion dinner held by the Singapore Fashion Council on October 12, and were selected from more than 30 final works.

The theme of this year's Fashion Design Award is "Kabaya Re-imagined", inviting local designers to inject new imagination and interpretation into this charming traditional costume in Southeast Asia.



This year's theme of "Singapore Story" is "Kabaya Re-imagined", and there are more than 30 final works for guests to vote on. (Courtesy of Singapore Fashion Council)

The following five winners used multicultural, traditional and modern clothing cuts and details to reconstruct kabaya, letting a hundred flowers bloom, and winning the favor of guests.



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Anseina Eliza used the "Dior's new look" silhouette to reconstruct the kabaya, even the back is so beautiful. (Photo by Lin Fangwei)

Anseina Eliza (38), founder and designer of local clothing brand Ans.ein, recreated the kabaya in the silhouette of "Dior's New Look". The devil is in the details: she used rags from the studio to piece together diamond-shaped patches, embellished with a kabaya jacket and a retro round skirt. It was the most exquisite and beautiful modern kabaya in the audience, and it was voted by the guests. Well deserved.



Lin Yuyan hand-painted the image of the HDB flat on the mermaid tail dress, which is faintly visible through the translucent kabaya. The brooch holding Kabayar is in the shape of a faucet from an old amusement park. (Photo by Lin Fangwei)

Former architect Cassandra Lim (31 years old) took a break from her architectural design career to study fashion design at the Royal College of Art in London. She projected her architectural imagination onto the kabaya, hand-painting the image of the HDB flat on the mermaid tail dress, and looming through the translucent kabaya. She also made a brooch from the old playground downstairs of the HDB block and fastened it to a kabaya.

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Stylist and designer Adele Chung (47 years old) integrated traditional Chinese stand-up collars and modern women's trousers into sarong kabaya, and embroidered tropical flowers on pure white clothes and trouser legs, which is both modern and traditional. Chung Lifang is currently making clothes side by side with her tailor father, passing on the family business "Meike Tailor".







Kavita Thulasidas' kabaya evening gown has red carpet momentum. (Photo by Lin Fangwei)

Kavita Thulasidas (49 years old), who won the award last year, won again this year. She designed kabaya as a deep V evening dress. It is not difficult to imagine Chinese socialites and actresses wearing it on the red carpet.

Madhushah Samy (24 years old) used deconstructed tailoring to interpret kabaya, resulting in a modern evening dress with a South Sea princess style. She was the youngest winner of the evening and is currently studying fashion design at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts.

The dinner guest was Senior Minister of State for National Development and Foreign Affairs Sim Ying. She, together with Wilson Teo, Chairman of Singapore Fashion Association, and Ho Semun, President of Singapore Fashion Association, presented the awards and congratulated the winners.

Organized by the Singapore Fashion Council, the "Singapore Story" Fashion Design Award is held once a year. Local designers or local fashion brands are invited to design a series of clothing series that tell the "Singapore Story" inspired by Singapore's rich and diverse cultural elements.

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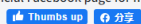
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