



Xu Kai Xiang Rit

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This year's Thailand International Jazz Conference, which was held at College of Music, Mahidol University, last month, ended successfully.

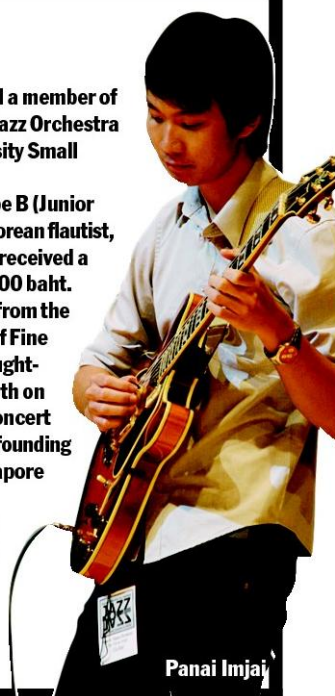
There were performances by various jazz artists from all over the world, discussions, workshops by world-class jazz musicians and a jazz solo competition — which is one of the most respectable competitions in the region.

This year's adjudication panels for the solo competition for Type A consisted of Danilo Perez, Ben Street and Adam Cruz; and for Type B comprised Andreas Oberg, Kristian Lind and Robert Ikiz.

The winner of Type A (Open Division) was Panai Imjai, a Thai guitarist. He received a certificate and 100,000 baht. Panai is a 4th year student of Mahidol University's

College of Music and a member of Mahidol University Jazz Orchestra and Mahidol University Small Ensemble Grade A.

The winner of Type B (Junior Division) was Singaporean flautist, Xu Kai Xiang Rit. He received a certificate and 50,000 baht. Rit Xu is a graduate from the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and a highly sought-after flute player, both on the recording and concert scene. He is also the founding member of the Singapore Pop Orchestra and dedicates his spare time doing extensive research in flute pedagogy and playing techniques as a flute teacher.



Panai Imjai