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RIVER ART: Structures carrying over 100 depictions of the Singapore River done by students will dot the river banks. The artwork is part of Singapore HeritageFest's Culture By The Bay – an event aimed at showcasing memories of the Singapore River.

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PEOPLE strolling along the Singapore River from now till the end of next month are likely to come across 35 structures featuring the artwork of students.

The artwork is part of Singapore HeritageFest's Culture By The Bay – an event aimed at showcasing memories of the Singapore River.

Carrying over 100 depictions of the river, the structures will dot the banks of the river, from Clarke Quay to Esplanade Park.

Winner of the primary school category Celine Chia, 10, of Jurong Primary, said: "I never dreamed this would happen. I'm so happy that my work will be on display!"

The Culture By The Bay student art competition drew close to 3,700 entries from primary, secondary and special education schools as well as pre-tertiary institutions.

Minister of State for Education Lui Tuck Yew said: "Through this project, the students have not only painted their image of the present Singapore River, but have also learnt about its past and how it evolved over the years."

The youngest winner Tan Jia Wei, 8, came in tops in the special education schools category.

Every Friday for a month, he spent his half-hour art period at the Minds Yio Chu Kang Gardens School on his art-piece portraying the transformation of the river over time.

For Nanyang Junior College's Lim Zhi Wei, her representation of the river using a picture in a picture earned her top prize in the secondary school and pre-university category.

The 18-year-old said: "I hope my piece will prompt viewers to find out more about the river's past and to appreciate what it took to get it to what it is today."

The artwork displayed on the 35 structures are reproductions of the original paintings, which will be exhibited at the Asian Civilisations Museum till the end of next month.

An Arts Fair, featuring 40 stalls selling art, fashion and lifestyle pieces, will also be held at the museum this weekend.