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4 aspiring beauties shortlisted for Miss Universe Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR: Fourteen aspiring beauties have been shortlisted by the Miss Universe Malaysia Organisation (Mumo) to vie for the Next Miss Universe Malaysia 2016 to be held at the Palace of the Golden Horses in January.

Mumo national director, Carey Ng, said the final list was achieved over a six-month period.

She said the finalists were Alicia Tan, Ariessa Lam, Cindy Ng, Dhivya Dhyana, Hazelin Ng, Jennifer Ling, Kiran Jassal, Lina Soong, Loveena Ruben, Nisha Sema, Rema Rao, Chow Siat Teen, Swarna Naidu and Yeoh Yen Nee.

Carey said during beauty camp, the finalists would undergo a series of activities such as grooming, catwalk, styling, public speaking, acting, fitness and photo shoots.

"For 2016, the format has been updated to reach a greater online audience where the entire process will be captured and broadcasted on YouTube in a series of 31 webisodes," she said in a statement here Wednesday.

Carey said fans could once again vote for their favourites for 2016, using the Next Miss Universe Malaysia mobile application available for free from the iTunes App Store and Google PlayStore.

She said a portion of the proceeds raised from Miss Universe Malaysia events would be channelled to Malaysian Aids Foundation's Treatment, Care and Support Programme which sought to improve access to HIV healthcare, support and welfare services for Malaysia's under-served communities affected by HIV and AIDS.

Touching on the crowning of the Next Miss Universe 2016, she said the winner would travel abroad representing Malaysia at the Miss Universe pageant to be held in later part of 2016, besides a cash prize of RM50,000 and sponsored prizes worth over RM200,000.