Sakini Mohd Said, model of humble and dedicated journalist

KUALA LUMPUR: She is known at work as a humble and committed person, often clocking in long hours to ensure her articles are of the highest quality.

Sakini Mohd Said, 31, had a passion for writing since her school days and went on to hone her skills in university.

Last night, the Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) journalist's efforts were rewarded in the form of a prestigious award, although she may be viewed as still relatively new to the field.

She was announced the winner of the A. Samad Ismail Young Journalist Award at the Malaysian Press Institute (MPI) - Petronas, Malaysian Journalism Award 2013.

A feat to be admired, this was her second award in less than a month after winning the Special Taskforce on facilitating Business (Pemudah) Journalism Competition 2013 last month.

"My Aunty, who works in this field, is my role model; I admire her a great deal. I also love reading and aspire to be a national laureate one day," said the second of three siblings, who is a Universiti Teknologi Mara graduate in journalism.

The Bernama Features and Current Affairs Desk journalist won last night's award for her article titled 'Lahad Datu Intrusion A Lesson In Unity'.

Coral reef conservation and the national issue of handling solid waste disposal are among the other topics she has covered.

Sakini said she also met another role model as soon as she joined Bernama, namely the Bernama Malaysia Sub-editor's Desk Chief Sub-Editor, Rohana Mustaffa, who used to be the Features Desk Editor and had encouraged her to be a good writer.

Prior to joining Bernama in 2010, she was an entertainment reporter with Harian Metro.

Sakini dedicated her double win to her mother Rabaeyah Mohd Said, 65, who has cancer.

"I also thank the editors, sub-editors, my friends and my family for all their support in achieving my success today," she said. - Bernama