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DEAF CHINESE BOY WINS ART PRIZE.

Lee Man Sung, born deaf, had come all the way from Hong Kong. The last thing he expected a few weeks ago was that he would ever visit London, but here were some Chinese living in England to meet him; and the gift of a dog put the little chap at his ease quite soon. Restaurateur Robert Koon paid £700 to bring the 10-year-old boy from the Far East, and at the Royal Society of Arts, the audience learnt why. There, among the cream of a thousand paintings was the picture sent by Lee Sung. I won the overall prize in the competition, for which he tied with Lillian Walsh, who won with this picture. Lillian, a Londoner, is thirteen. All the children who entered the competition are deaf. Lee Man Sung won two prizes; the first, for his age group. Sir Alfred Benson, Chairman of the Royal Society of Arts, presented the Awards. Next on the platform came Lillian Walsh, joint overall winner but now receiving her age-group prize.

Lillian and Lee came together to be given the overall award; a great distinction considering that pictures were sent in from nearly every country in the world. To Mr. Koon, Lee gave one of his paintings, a touching little gesture of thanks to his benefactor. And now, Chinese working in London have collected about £700 to buy deaf-aids for Lee's schoolmates in Hong Kong.