The United Nations Development Programme, Suriname office has awarded local youth Jayesh Kiskoensingh with his prize as the runner-up in its recently concluded Poster Competition on Citizen Security. The 22 year old received his prize at UN House, Paramaribo and expressed his pleasure with the win.

Jayesh noted that, he ‘couldn’t believe it and was very happy, although it was just the second prize and was also glad that the poster has been acknowledged by the international community.’ The Surinamese youth received his prize, a 400 USD cheque, from UNDP Country Director, Thomas Gittens at a ceremony held recently.

The Poster Competition ran with the theme, “Youth violence is an exception rather than a rule: Releasing youth vitality through investing in them.” It was open to all nationals of the Caribbean Diaspora and received entries from Trinidad and Tobago to Suriname and countries between them. The voting was done via Facebook and a panel of experienced judges from the UNDP system, academia and the regional artist community.

While Jayesh was the runner-up, the winning poster came from Trinidad and Tobago national Timothy Bootan. Elements of the winning poster will be used for cover of the upcoming Caribbean Human Development Report on Citizen Security. All other submissions, including Jayesh’s will have various elements used in other parts of the report.
You can view Jayesh’s and all other poster submitted on the UNDP’s Caribbean Human Development Report’s Flickr site at the following link.  http://www.flickr.com/photos/chdr/ .