



#Showbiz: Pahang legend 'Walinong Sari' made into animated short film

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The poster for *Walinong Sari*. The popular legend from Pahang has become the subject of Ore Struck Media's new animated short film.

KUALA LUMPUR: A popular legend from Pahang, warrior princess *Walinong Sari*, has become the subject of Ore Struck Media's and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman's (Utar) new animated short film.

The company premiered *Walinong Sari* at the multi-purpose hall of Utar's Sungai Long Campus in Kajang yesterday, and the film was supported by the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation's (MDEC) Digital Content Creators Challenge (DC3) Fund.

Walinong Sari director and Utar Faculty of Creative Industries animation specialist Eugene Foo said that the short film was completed in nine months and employed a large number of artists, animators and riggers, all of whom were students of the university.

"It is a collaborative effort between working professionals and budding industry players," said Foo in a statement today.

Utar vice president for Internationalisation and Academic Development Prof Dr Goi Bok Min said: "I am glad that the Faculty of Creative Industries and Ore Struck Media has come up with this amazing film. The combination of expertise from both parties can yield new breakthroughs in film technology."

He applauded the faculty's students, especially those under the Digital Animation and Games Design programme for their involvement in the film.

"I hope more students will partake in projects like this to acquire the much-needed skills from industry experts and to further develop the animation industry."

Walinong Sari scriptwriter Honey Ahmad said: "We were so lucky to get great people on the project, who went beyond the job scope."

The script was reimagined and adapted from heritage consultant Ninot Aziz's book *Lipur Lara Nusantara*.

Ninot said that it was important for Malaysians to retell the country's rich folklore so that the best people in the creative industry can bring them to higher levels.

Walinong Sari stars popular actors, actresses and singers as Nadia Aqilah, Junji Delfino, Ghafir Akbar, Bront Palarae, Tony Eusoff and Fatimah Abu Bakar, who serves as the narrator of the story.

The production crew was largely made up of Utar staff and students.

Ore Struck Media is a collective formed by creative people from multiple disciplines who aim to tell great Malaysian stories.

The company supports budding directors and writers who want to promote their works to a wider audience.

Ore Struck Media director Adam Firsham Aqil said: "It has been an absolute pleasure seeing *Walinong Sari* come to life in this superb collaboration with Utar."

Walinong Sari, a warrior princess is groomed to rule the kingdom of Inderapura.

When her father accepts a proposal of marriage she does not agree with, Walinong Sari set off on a journey down the Pahang River to escape the arranged marriage.

But fate had something else in store for her, in the person of Raja Mambang Segara.