



# **KENYALANG JOURNALISM AWARDS 2024 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

## **1. General**

1.0 Professional journalists, photographers, cameramen, and producers residing in Sarawak and who are permanently and/or contractually employed by newspaper and mass media organisations in Sarawak are invited to submit entries for the Kenyalang Journalism Awards 2024. Their works must have been published in any of the main languages - Bahasa Melayu, English, Chinese and Bahasa Iban - and must be on events or happenings in Sarawak. In the case of entries submitted by participants from television stations, such entries must have been aired.

## **2. Eligibility of Participants**

2.1 Participants must be Malaysians and based/residing in Sarawak.

2.2 Full time journalists/photographers working for BERNAMA, Jabatan Penerangan Malaysia and online portals (portal news to be identified by the organising committee) are also eligible to participate by virtue of their role as news providers to media organisations in Malaysia.

2.3 Free-lancers and part-time stringers are NOT ELIGIBLE to participate.

2.4 Participants will be disqualified if they are no longer in the employment of the organisations which published their articles on the closing date of entry.

## **3. Entries**

3.1 Only works published in daily newspapers or telecast in electronic media between 1st SEPTEMBER 2023 and 30th SEPTEMBER 2024 are eligible to be submitted as entries.

3.2 Only works published in newspapers and/or aired by TV stations based in Malaysia and related to the State can be submitted as entries. Reporters from Online News must be Sarawak based and Sarawak articles. Judging will be based on the text and pictures, and not video.

3.3 Entries may be submitted by newspaper organisations or TV stations or online news portal related to journalism or journalist's works.

3.4 For Online Portals, ONLY those online portals REGISTERED WITH JABATAN PENERANGAN MALAYSIA and based in Malaysia are accepted.

3.5 A participant may submit a MAXIMUM OF FOUR ENTRIES. Judges will have the rights to disqualify the participant if more than four entries are being submitted. If all four entries submitted are in one category, that participant is only entitled to win only one prize in that one category. Entries not meeting these requirements will be disqualified and the committee is not obligated to provide any reason.

3.6 Winning entries will be awarded prizes subject to Clause 4 below and the Judges' Decision (refer to PANEL OF JUDGES and RESPONSIBILITIES).

3.7 Only original works will be considered as entries. Translations will not be accepted.

3.8 The awards for all the categories are open to individual journalists, photographers, producers, or cameramen on the basis of published materials. However, if an editor/publisher or a journalist considers that an outstanding coverage of a story/ item being the work of a team, not published under a single journalist's byline, merits a prize, he/she is free to submit it for consideration. In such cases, a brief covering note must be submitted with the entry, naming members of the team.

3.9 An entry may consist of an item of the published works or series/follow-ups on the same subject.

3.10 Each entry submitted for judging should be accompanied by an entry form and clearly indicated - category, sections etc. Duplicated copies of materials/works must also be accompanied by duplicated copies of entry form.

3.11 Articles in PDF or JPEG format are also accepted, provided in link via Google Drive. The file(s) in the Google Link must be named according to the title of article(s).

3.12 The Secretariat reserves the right to use the entries submitted for non-profit publication.

3.13 ALL entries must be submitted by 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024, no later than 5pm.

## **4. AWARD AND CATEGORIES**

### **Journalism Award (Feature and News Feature)**

(Development, socio-economic news and feature articles not classified under Section B)

The most outstanding entries in Bahasa Melayu, English and Chinese from newspaper organisations, BERNAMA, Online Portals and/or Jabatan Penerangan Malaysia will be considered for this award.

Prizes: First, second and third placed- winners of the Bahasa Melayu, Chinese, English and Bahasa Iban sections will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM3000

2nd : RM2000

3rd : RM1000

### **News Reporting Award**

This award is given to journalists whose reporting on topical and current issues and events including arts, culture and sports, have contributed towards enhancing knowledge, stimulate public interest and promote desired response and development amongst the community.

Prizes: First, second and third placed- winners of the Bahasa Melayu, Chinese, English and Bahasa Iban sections will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM3000

2nd : RM2000

3rd : RM1000

### **Sports Reporting Award**

This award is given to journalists whose writing, either commentaries or reviews on sports activities and development in Sarawak, contribute towards the enhanced development or preservation of any particular field of sports, be it modern or traditional.

Prizes: First, second and third placed winners of the Bahasa Melayu, Chinese, English, Iban and broadcast sections will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM3000

2nd : RM2000

3rd : RM1000

## **Broadcast Journalism Award**

Entry under this category is open to an individual or a group (maximum five) of journalists/ cameramen working for the electronic media not necessarily based in Sarawak. Works produced can be in English, Bahasa Melayu, Iban and Chinese. However the articles/stories must be Sarawakbased. All entries under this category must provide the name(s) of the broadcaster(s) and the crew member(s) involved. Visual reporting from the Online Portals also falls in this category. Only news reports that have been aired through the news slots or any other slots related to news are eligible for this prize. Documentaries, lecture programmes, forums, issues and others do not qualify.

First, second and third placed winners will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM3000

2nd : RM2000

3rd : RM1000

## **Sustainability Journalism Award**

This award is given to journalists whose news reporting in any major languages on environment, environmental improvement, preservation and conservation efforts, have contributed towards enhancing knowledge, raised public interest and promoted desired response and development amongst the community.

Prizes: First, second and third placed winners of the Bahasa Melayu, Chinese, English, Iban and broadcast sections will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM3000

2nd : RM2000

3rd : RM1000

## **Business and Economic Journalism Award**

This award is given to journalists including broadcasting whose news reporting on business and economic environment and growth in the State, have contributed towards enhancing knowledge, raised public interest and promoted desired response and development amongst the community.

Prizes: First, second and third placed winners of the Bahasa Melayu, Chinese, English, Iban and broadcast sections will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM3000

2nd : RM2000

3rd : RM1000

## **Community Well-being and Rural Development Journalism Award**

This award is given to journalists whose news reporting in Bahasa Melayu, English, Chinese Iban and broadcasting on rural development in the State.

Prizes: First, second and third placed winners of the Bahasa Melayu, Chinese, English, Iban and broadcast sections will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM3000  
2nd : RM2000  
3rd : RM1000

## **Photo Journalism Award**

Participants may submit up to a maximum of three news pictures of different topics for this category. Participants are required to send three copies of each picture submitted measuring 8x10 inches (BR). The name and address of the participant and the newspaper organisation and date of publication must be clearly indicated at the back of each photograph.

Entries should also be accompanied by newspaper cutting(s) in which the photograph(s) was/were published. Each entry should have a title and carries a brief synopsis. Entry under this category is ONLY open to full-time reporters and photojournalists employed by newspaper organisations, or Information Department.

Prizes: First, second and third placed winners of this category will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM2500  
2nd : RM1800  
3rd : RM1000

## **Photo Essay Award**

Participants may submit up to a maximum of three news pictures for judging. Participants are required to submit six pictures in the series. Participants are also required to write a short caption explaining the picture essay.

All pictures must be related to events in Sarawak, and they can be in colour or white and black. All pictures submitted for this category must not have been entered for any other competition.

Failure to meet the stipulated conditions will lead to disqualification.

Entry under this category is ONLY open to full-time photographers employed by newspaper organisations, BERNAMA, or Information Department.

Prizes: First, second and third placed winners will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM2500

2nd : RM1800

3rd : RM1000

### **Digital Economy Journalism Award**

This award is given to journalists including broadcasting whose news reporting on Digital Economy in the State.

Prizes: First, second and third placed winners of the Bahasa Melayu, Chinese, English, Iban and broadcast sections will receive the following cash prizes:

1st : RM3000

2nd : RM2000

3rd : RM1000

### **PREMIER'S AWARD**

The winners of the Chief Minister Award will be chosen from the first prize winners from all categories except Photo Journalism Award and Photo Essay Award. Judges will have the final decision on the winners.

Prizes: The Winning entries in each language, that is Bahasa Melayu, Chinese and English sections, will win RM5,000 each and receive certificates.

## **5. SCREENING PANEL**

5.1. Entry-screening panel made up of the organising committee of the awards will be responsible for screening the list of participants (not the entries submitted). The responsibility of this panel is to verify the participants' eligibility based on the rules of this Award.

5.2. The organisers have the right to disqualify any journalist if his/her eligibility and status is in doubt and will investigate the eligibility and status of the affected participant/s.

5.3. The Secretariat will carry out the initial screening of entries as they are received to ensure that they are properly categorised, for example, news reports are compiled in the news reports category, etc. Any abnormality detected will be brought up to the committee for further action.

## **6. PANEL OF JUDGES**

6.1 Composition of Panel and Responsibilities There will be one Main Panel and four Sub\_Panels as follows:

A. Main Panel - comprises of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and all the Chairmen of the Sub-Panels

B. Sub\_Panel - comprises of a Chairman and two members.

6.2 The Sub-Panels will judge the various entries according to the language of the entries, that is Bahasa Malaysia, English, Chinese, Iban and Photography. The sixth Sub\_Panel will judge entries for the Broadcast Journalism Award.

6.3. The main panel will decide the winners of all the categories, in accordance with the scoring system.

6.4 Panel members will maintain absolute secrecy on matters relating to entries and judging.

6.5 The panel of judges will be proposed by Malaysian Press Institute (MPI), in consultation with the main committee.

6.6. The panel of judges may withhold any prize(s) if they believe that the standard of entries does not merit recognition.

6.7 An individual or a team will be eligible for ONE prize only in one category.

### **6.8. Judges Decision**

Judges' decision shall be final. However, a decision may be rescinded by the organisers, if such a decision is disputed on the following grounds:

a. the writer is not eligible based on definition in No.2 ELIGIBILITY of PARTICIPANTS

of the Rules & Regulations;

b. entries are materials published outside the specified period as stated in No.3 ENTRIES of the rules & regulations;

- c. the winning entry is not original;
- d. the winning entry has won prize at the State or national-level competition.

## **7. GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING OF PRESS AWARDS**

Judges will consider the following criteria as a basis for arriving at their decision.

### **7.1 For Journalism Awards**

- a. Content/Subject Matter 40 points
- b. Quality of Research/Deadline Element 30 points
- c. Style and Use of Language 30 points

### **7.2. For Broadcast Journalism Award**

- a. Quality of Research 30 points
- b. Creativity 30 points
- c. Content/Headlines 20 points
- d. Quality of Technique/Presentations 20 points

### **7.3 For Photo Journalism Award/ Photo Essay Award**

- a. News Value 40 points
- b. Composition 35 points
- c. Technical Excellence 25 points