

Hari Malaysia 2024 Photo Contest Rules, Terms & Conditions.

A. Contest Overview:

In celebration of Hari Malaysia 2024, we invite photographers of all levels to participate in a National Photo Contest showcasing the beauty and spirit of Malaysia. This contest welcomes entries from Digital, Analogue Film and Mobile Phone photographers. Whether you're using a professional camera, film or a smartphone, share your unique perspective on what makes Malaysia unique and special.

B. Theme:

"Malaysia: A Nation of Unique Diversity, Inclusivity, and Unity"

This theme encourages you to capture the vibrant cultural mosaic, the harmony among different ethnicities, and the unity that binds us together. Show us the essence of Malaysia's diversity, inclusivity, and unity through your lens, be it the people, the places or the cultural practices in Malaysia.

C. Contest Period:

- Start Date: September 16, 2024
- End Date: October 16, 2024

This contest runs in conjunction with our Hari Malaysia Nationwide Photowalk on September 16, offering a unique chance to capture Malaysia's unique diversity, inclusivity and unity in action.

D. Prizes:

Top 3 Overall Winners:

- Overall 1st Prize
- Overall 2nd Prize
- Overall 3rd Prize

Other Prizes:

1. ***Best Digital Camera Award***: For the best photo captured using a digital DSLR or Mirrorless camera. (1 Winner)
2. ***Best Smartphone Award***: For the best photo captured using a mobile phone. (1 Winner)
3. ***Best Analogue Film Award***: For the best photo taken with an analogue film camera. (1 Winner)
4. 10 X ***Best of Show Awards***: Recognizing exceptional entries across all categories.
5. 10 X ***Special Mention Awards***: For standout entries that deserve special recognition.

Special Category:

Best Fujifilm Entries Special Category: Exclusively for photos captured using a Fujifilm camera. (3 Prizes)

E. Contest Rules:

1. **Eligibility**: Open to all Malaysian citizens and residents.
2. **Mediums**: Entries must be submitted in digital format, regardless of whether they were originally shot on digital, film, or mobile devices.
3. **Submission Portal**: Participants will submit their entries via www.llumify.com/harimalaysia

4. File Specifications:

- Digital and mobile entries: JPEG format, Min 2MB to Max 5MB files size or max 2000 pixels on the longest side.
 - Analogue film entries: Scanned images must meet the same specifications as digital entries.
5. All images must showcase EXIF data. Those without will be automatically disqualified during judging.
 6. Entry Limit: Submission is Free. Each participant may submit a maximum of 3 photos only.
 7. All images must be captured between 16 Sep 2024 to 16 Oct 2024 only.
 8. Closing Date: All entries must be submitted by 11:59 PM on October 16, 2024
 9. Prizes cannot be exchange for Cash.
 10. In any unforeseen circumstances, the organiser reserved the rights to substitute the published prizes to any other prizes of similar value or types.

F. Judging Criteria:

Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to Theme: How well the image captures the theme of diversity, inclusivity, and unity.
- Creativity: Originality and creative expression in conveying the theme.
- Technical Quality: Clarity, composition, and overall quality of the photograph.

G. Terms and Conditions:

- Prize Limitation: Each participant can only win one prize across all categories.
- Judges' Decision: The decision of the judges is final and binding. No appeals or objections will be entertained.
- Image Use: By submitting an entry, participant agree to the use of their images by the organiser and sponsors in promotional materials and any publicity activities related to the contest. (eg. Social Media, Exhibition, Magazines, Prints, Publications etc.) The participant shall nevertheless retain the copyright of the submitted images.
- Original Work: All entries submitted by the participant must be original work, and participant must hold the copyright to the images they submit. Photos must be original and must not previously published or awarded in other competitions.
- Disclaimer: It will be the sole responsibility of the participant that the photographs submitted do not infringe on any copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property rights of any third party.
- Disqualification: Images submitted may be disqualified due to inappropriate content or any violations of the rules or terms stated herein.
- Liability: The organisers are not responsible for any loss, damage or theft of submitted images,
- Compliances: The participants agree to comply with all competition rules and conditions.

H. Announcement of Winners:

Winners will be announced after judging within 2 months from the closing date. The winning entries will be showcased in a special online gallery and may be showcased in a physical exhibition at a location to be announced in due course.

Capture the essence of Malaysia's diversity, inclusivity, and unity through your lens, and stand a chance to be recognized in this nationwide celebration!