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Rules & Regulations  
(Students Category)

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**AZAM-PETRONAS WRITERS AWARDS 2009**

**Jointly organised by**

Angkatan Zaman Mansang (AZAM) Sarawak & PetroliaM Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS)

## **CATEGORY**

The AZAM-PETRONAS Writers Awards 2009 under student category is divided into the followings:-

### **1.0 Primary School**

- 1.1 Rural
- 1.2 Urban

### **2.0 Secondary School**

- 2.1 Rural
  - 2.1.1 Lower Secondary
  - 2.1.2 Upper Secondary
- 2.2 Urban
  - 2.2.1 Lower Secondary
  - 2.2.2 Upper Secondary

### **3.0 Form 6 / Pre-University**

## **PARTICIPATION**

The categories under the student category for the competition this year are:-

### **1.1 Students**

#### **1.1.1 Primary Schools (Rural and Urban)**

- Participation is open to Primary 4-6 pupils studying in government schools, government-aided school, vocational schools and private schools in Sarawak.
- Participation under this category will be divided into two categories – Urban and Rural schools.

#### **1.1.2 Lower Secondary Schools (Rural and Urban)**

- Participation is open to Form 1-3 students studying in government schools, government-aided school, vocational schools and private schools in Sarawak.
- Participation under this category will be divided into two categories – Urban and Rural schools.

#### **1.1.3 Upper Secondary Schools (Rural and Urban)**

- Participation is open to Form 4-5 students studying in government schools, government-aided school, vocational schools and private schools in Sarawak.
- Participation under this category will be divided into two categories – Urban and Rural schools.

#### **1.1.4 Form 6 / Pre-U**

- Participation is open to Form 6 students studying in government schools, government-aided school, vocational schools and private schools in Sarawak.
- For the Pre-University Category, participation is open to all students studying in public and private institutions of higher learning such as universities, matriculations, colleges and training centers in Sarawak.
- Students studying in Form 6 / Pre-University must be between 18 and 21 years old.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Student Category - Essay Writing

- 1.0 The essay must be **original** and has **never been published** in any print and electronic media including on the Internet. Plagiarized stories will be disqualified.
- 2.0 Each essay must be **submitted** with the AZAM-PETRONAS Writers Award 2009 entry form (original or photocopy) which could be obtained from Kompleks AZAM at Jalan Crookshank, all secondary and primary schools, all Divisional and District Education Office as well as all Resident and District office throughout Sarawak. **Entry form** can also be downloaded from AZAM's website at [www.azam.org.my](http://www.azam.org.my)
- 3.0 Every essay must be certified and signed either by the Headmaster, Principal, Senior Assistant 1 (PK1), Senior Assistant of Students Affairs (PKHEM) or Department Head of the respective primary/secondary schools/institutions of higher learning.
- 4.0 A student can submit more than one essay but he/she can only win one prize.
- 5.0 The essay can be typed on an A4 size paper, double spacing and using only Times New Roman font size 12. The essay can also be written neatly on an A4 size foolscap paper. The essays which are untidy and unreadable will be disqualified.
- 6.0 The essay must be submitted in **ENGLISH LANGUAGE** only.
- 7.0 The essay must be between **400-600** words in length for the **Primary School Category**; between **600-800 words** for the **Lower Secondary School Category**; between **800-1,000** words for the **Upper Secondary School Category** and between **1,300-1,500** words for the **Form 6/Pre-University Category**. The essay that overly exceeds the permitted number of words will be disqualified.
- 8.0 The essays submitted are **not returnable** and students are advised to keep **copies** of their essays.
- 9.0 The essay will be assessed by a panel of judges selected by the organizers. The judges' decision is final and any correspondence will not be entertained.
- 10.0 AZAM reserves the right to edit, amend, publish or reproduce the winning of the essay.
- 11.0 Students are **NOT ALLOWED** to write their names or addresses on the essay except the **TITLE** of the essay only.
- 12.0 Children of AZAM and PETRONAS employees, the competition's committee members and the judges are not allowed to participate in this competition.

## **Student Category - Comic Strips**

- 1.0 The competition is **open** to all **students below 18 years old** and submission of entry is limited to **ONE** entry per person.
- 2.0 The comic stories must be in line with the theme.
- 3.0 All submissions must be unpublished and can be in B/W and/or in colour. Maximum length is five (05) frames and must be pasted / drawn on A3 paper.
- 4.0 Entries should not previously have been submitted to other contests or been in public display.
- 5.0 Title and Captions must be in **English**.
- 6.0 Submitted comic strips must be original work of the entrant who should that ensures there is no infringement of the rights of others (including copyright).
- 7.0 The Organizers must emphasize that this competition will not be judged solely on the drawing skills of the entrants; judging will be based primarily on the concept of the message of the story specifically in connection to the competition's theme.
- 8.0 The entrants must be the authors of their submitted comic strip. Entries submitted will not be returned.
- 9.0 All entries must reach AZAM by **30 September 2009 at 4.00 p.m.**
- 10.0 The organizers are not responsible for any lost, late or misdirected entries.
- 11.0 The decisions of the judging panels on the results of the competition are final.
- 12.0 **Three Winners and three (3) consolations** will be selected for this category.

## **THEME**

The AZAM-PETRONAS Writers Award 2009 centers its themes and sub-themes on the spirit of the *45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sarawak's progress in Malaysia* and on the aspirations of the *"2<sup>nd</sup> Wave of Development of Sarawak"*.

The recommended topics under these themes are:-

### **1.2 Economic Development**

*For example on: Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE)*

- Aluminium Industry
- Steel Industry
- Oil-based industry
- Palm Oil Industry
- Fishing and Aquaculture Industry
- Livestock Industry
- Timber based Industry
- Marine-engineering
- Tourism Industry

### **1.3 Social Development**

- Social Development
- Confluence of Cultures in Sarawak
- Crime Prevention
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Utilization in Enhancing Socio-economy
- Environment
- Land Development
- Sustainable Development
- Education and Training (Human Resource Development)

## **PRIZES**

The prizes are as follows: -

### **Essay Writing – Primary School (Rural)**

First Prize	:	RM 500.00
Second Prize	:	RM 300.00
Third Prize	:	RM 150.00
Consolation x 3	:	RM 50.00

### **Essay Writing – Primary School (Urban)**

First Prize	:	RM 500.00
Second Prize	:	RM 300.00
Third Prize	:	RM 150.00
Consolation x 3	:	RM 50.00

### **Essay Writing – Lower Secondary School (Rural)**

First Prize	:	RM 700.00
Second Prize	:	RM 500.00
Third Prize	:	RM 300.00
Consolation x 3	:	RM 100.00

### **Essay Writing – Lower Secondary School (Urban)**

First Prize	:	RM 700.00
Second Prize	:	RM 500.00
Third Prize	:	RM 300.00
Consolation x 3	:	RM 100.00

### **Essay Writing – Upper Secondary School (Rural)**

First Prize	:	RM 900.00
Second Prize	:	RM 700.00
Third Prize	:	RM 500.00
Consolation x 3	:	RM 150.00

### **Essay Writing – Upper Secondary School (Urban)**

First Prize	:	RM 900.00
Second Prize	:	RM 700.00
Third Prize	:	RM 500.00
Consolation x 3	:	RM 150.00

### **Essay Writing – Form 6/Pre-University (18-21 years)**

First Prize	:	RM 1,200.00
Second Prize	:	RM 1,000.00
Third Prize	:	RM 600.00
Consolation x 2	:	RM 250.00

**Comic Strips – OPEN (Students below 18 years)**

First Prize	:	RM 500.00
Second Prize	:	RM 300.00
Third Prize	:	RM 250.00
Consolation x 3	:	RM 100.00

**Most Entries Received**

Rural School Category :	RM 1,000.00
Urban School Category:	RM 1,000.00

**CLOSING DATE**

All entries must be submitted by **30 September 2009 @ 4.00 p.m.** Late entries will not be accepted. The organizers are not responsible for late, lost, stolen, incomplete, illegible or misdirected mail or submissions.

Please send your entries along with the attached Entry Form duly filled to:

**THE SECRETARIAT**

**AZAM-PETRONAS Writers Awards 2009**

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