



MTCC 20th ANNIVERSARY SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS



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IN CONJUNCTION WITH MTCC 20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The mandate of the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) since its establishment in October 1998 is to operate the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) to promote the implementation of sustainable forest management and to meet the demand for sustainably produced timber products in the international market. MTCC reaches a significant milestone and will be celebrating its 20th year of operation in 2019.

In line with MTCC 20th Anniversary Celebration's tagline "Pushing Boundaries, Advancing Sustainability," the MTCC seeks to acknowledge, appreciate and celebrate the tremendous hard work, improvements and innovation undertaken by forest managers and timber enterprises in meeting the stringent demands of forest management and chain of custody certification under the MTCS.

The MTCC Sustainability Awards recognise certified organisations that have shown exemplary leadership and carried out inspirational initiatives in sustainability through the creation and implementation of procedures, plans, projects or initiatives that take into consideration the various aspects of sustainability. The award categories are:

1. Social sustainability and empowerment
2. Product innovation and diversification
3. Biodiversity and ecosystem protection
4. Leadership in Sustainability

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all organisations certified under the MTCS.
- Any plan, project, programme, process or activity that has been or is currently being implemented that contributes to the fulfilment of requirements in the certification standards.
- Plan, project, programme, process or activity may have occurred at any level – organisation, community, state, national or international.
- Anyone involved with the plan, project, programme, process or activity may nominate it for an award.
- Submission must include clear description (not more than 2,000 words) of the sustainability aims of the plan, project, programme, process or activities covering the aspects on environment, social and/or economy.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Category 1: Social sustainability and empowerment

This award honours efforts in increasing inclusivity and transparency in an organisation, initiatives for outreach, capacity building and empowerment of internal and external stakeholders including employees and local communities.

Criteria:

1. Project background
 - Summary of the entry, including a description on the need and motivation for the plan/project/activity/procedure and the issues it sought to address
2. Creativity and innovation
 - Description on how the plan/project/activity/procedure addressed the social aspect of sustainability and its importance in meeting the requirements of the certification standards.
3. Collaboration and engagement
 - Description on which stakeholders and interests were involved and how.
 - Description on how competing or dissenting interests or conflicts were addressed.

Category 2: Product innovation and diversification

This award honours efforts to optimise the multitude of benefits that can be accrued from forests and forest products, that may contribute to organisation/social empowerment and economic resilience.

Criteria:

1. Project background
 - Summary of the entry, including a description on the need and motivation for the plan/project/activity/product and the issues it sought to address
2. Creativity and innovation
 - Description on how the plan/project/activity/product contributes to diversification plan in optimising the benefits that can be derived from the forests/ forest products.
 - Such plan/activity may include efforts in increasing efficiency in the use of resources.

3. Collaboration and engagement

- Description on which stakeholders and interests were involved and how.
- Description on how competing or dissenting interests or conflicts were addressed.

Category 3: Biodiversity and ecosystem protection

This award honours efforts that contribute to conservation of biological diversity, protection of ecosystem services and minimisation of impacts to the environment, including reduction of wastes.

Criteria:

1. Project background

- Summary of the entry, including a description on the need and motivation for the plan/project/activity/product and the issues it sought to address

2. Creativity and innovation

- Description on how the plan/project/activity/product contributes to conservation of biological diversity, its attributed and habitats.
- Such plan/activity may include efforts in minimising damage and waste that contributes to the maintenance of ecosystem functions and services.

3. Collaboration and engagement

- Description on which stakeholders and interests were involved and how.
- Description on how competing or dissenting interests or conflicts were addressed.

Category 4: Leadership in Sustainability

This award honours the efforts for holistic approach in sustainability. The entry for this category would need to fulfil the criteria of at least two of the above categories.

REVIEW AND SELECTION

The MTCC Sustainability Awards' panel of judges will consist of leaders/representatives from the relevant stakeholder groups, representing Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The following stipulations apply to the process:

- Only submissions which meet all requirements shall be reviewed.
- Judges have the right to move an award nomination into a different category.

- Judges may select up to two (2) entries in each category to receive an award.
- Judges may select one entry from any of the categories to receive the Leadership in Sustainability Award.
- Judges may decide not to present an award in any of the categories.

The MTCC Sustainability Awards will be presented during the MTCC 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on 24 September 2019. Award recipients will:

- **Receive a formal award (plaque and certificate).**
- **Receive exclusive profile interview with selected media.**
- **Be featured in MTCC's promotional materials.**
- **Be honoured on MTCC's webpage and media platforms.**

GENERAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Entries will be accepted no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 31 May 2019.
- All nominations may be submitted using a web-form or physical form.
- Be sure to review the eligibility and criteria requirements for the specific award category for which you wish to submit a nomination.
- **The nomination form can be found at <https://mtcc.com.my>**
- You must fill out the form all at once (i.e., you cannot save and come back).
- Should you need to amend the submission, you may re-submit before the end of the nomination period. Only the most recently-completed form will be considered.
- Physical form can be downloaded and submitted via post, fax or email to:
Malaysian Timber Certification Council
C-8-5, Block C, Megan Avenue 2
No. 12, Jalan Yap Kwan Seng
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Attention: Mr. Akmal Saarani or akmal@mtcc.com.my
- All submission by post must reach MTCC by 5:00 p.m. 31 May 2019.
- **The following information is required for each submission:**
 1. Nominator information
 2. Nominee information
 3. Project partner
 4. Category of award entry
 5. Description of how the entry satisfies the award criteria (maximum of 2000 characters per criterion category)
 6. Letters of support – maximum two pages
 - Must be saved as a PDF file and included in the web form
 - May not be written by the nominator of the submission or by the nominated organization.

7. Digital images (jpg/jpeg format only) that are copyright-free, with captions.
 - Please submit images in jpg/jpeg format only.
 - Five (5) digital images are required. Images should provide context and show the nominee's positive or intended outcomes. They may be photos, graphics, etc.
 - Images should supplement what exist in the written summary and criteria sections.
 - Submit only images that are copyright-free and may be reproduced by MTCC without a fee, charge, or copyright infringement.
 - Each image resolution should be at least 200dpi with a minimum photograph dimension of 5 inches by 7 inches.
 - Each image must have an associated caption entered into the web form. Caption should be between 15 and 25 words each, with a maximum of 250 characters.
8. Supplemental materials (optional)
 - Supplemental materials may provide additional support to your nomination. Materials may include video, press clips, brochures, posters, design guidelines, fact sheets, etc. If your nomination is about a plan, be sure to include a copy of the plan. All supplemental materials must be included in your online nomination. You may either upload a document or provide a link (active through the nomination period).
 - **All information received by MTCC will be treated with utmost secrecy and confidentially. No information shall be shared with other parties unless written permission is obtained.**

Deadline for submission: 5.00pm on Friday, 31 May 2019. All nominations will be submitted using a web-form, post, fax or e-mail. Video attachment (not longer than 5 minutes clip) to supplement the nomination is strongly encouraged.