

Prizes

Overall

Grand Prize - RM2,000 cash + Prize

Photo Categories

1x First Prize - RM1,200 cash + Prize

2x Merit Prize - RM600 cash + Prize

10x Consolation Prize - RM200 cash + Prize

Video Category

2x Best Video Clips - RM500 cash + Prize

Social Media (Facebook/Instagram) Category

3x Best Photo - RM100 cash + Prize

7x Merit Prize - RM50 cash + Prize

Rules & Regulations

The Participant

1. This contest is open to all Malaysians aged 13 years and above. Participants under 18 years of age must obtain permission from a parent or guardian.
2. The participant must be the photographer/videographer who captured the photos/video clips and owns the rights of the images. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure all submissions do not infringe the copyright, trademark, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any other person or entity, and that no other party has the right, title or claim of, or any interest in the images.
3. By submission of an entry, the participant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations mentioned here.

The Photos / Video Clips

4. Photos must be in the JPEG or JPG format. The images can be in colour or black and white.
5. Photos must be of 300 dpi resolution and printable up to 24" x 36" in size.
6. Photos must not have any borders or film edges, name, personal logos or watermarks.
7. Basic image enhancements such as dodging/burning, colour saturation, cropping and brightness/contrast adjustments are acceptable but the Exif data shall be retained in the file.
8. Photos **must** be taken in Malaysia, not more than five years prior to the beginning date of the contest (21 March 2021).
9. The length of the video clip must be at least 30 seconds and does not exceed 3 minutes. The video can be combined with text, effects or voice-over, depending on the producer's creativity.
10. Social media (Facebook/Instagram) submissions are exempted from rule #5.

The Categories

The contest consists of 4 categories:

Category A: Natural Forest Landscapes

This category is open for images capturing the beauty of forest and forest landscapes in Malaysia. Images may include people who depend on forest-based livelihood as well as the forest-dwelling flora and fauna and the ecosystem that they sustain. The images should showcase forest in its natural beauty, diversity and uniqueness with regards to form and structure. For forest landscapes, the images could portray the geological or climatological features and natural environment of Malaysia's forest.

Category B: Wood in our Life

This category calls for images that depict the varied uses of wood in our livelihood which could also bring out the intangible heritage skills of our society as well as the value of wood to humankind. Images could showcase people at work making products out of wood, or people utilising utensils or equipment made of wood or wood structures, or any woody things that are a part of our lives and the list is not exhaustive.

Category C: Stay Safe, Stay Green (Social Media - Facebook/Instagram) #staysafestaygreen

As we are currently leading a different way of life in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, this category is specially created to showcase how we can play a role in helping the environment despite the limitations. Many people could have made use of the extra time during the lockdown to create little gardens or hanging gardens or whichever way to help our ambient environment rejuvenate. This category invites social media users to post photos that show us whatever little efforts that could seem to be greening the environment while staying safe at home. Each entry must be posted with the following hashtags: **#mtccphotocontest2021 #staysafestaygreen**. The results will be announced on MTCC's Official Facebook Page MTCC.Malaysia and AdvancedImagesTravelution Facebook Page. The winners will be notified by PM (private message).

Category D: Video – I Wander and I Wonder

This category calls for video clips of participants experiencing the variety of Malaysia's flora and fauna beyond still photographs. It welcomes video clips depicting the wonders and sounds of nature in Malaysia's forests or recreational parks recorded using smartphone/tablet/drone/action cameras (e.g. GoPro etc), or a combination of mobile devices. The length of the clip must be at least 30 seconds and does not exceed 3 minutes. The video can be combined with text, effects or voice-over, depending on the producer's creativity and in compliance with the relevant copyright laws.

Submission Requirements for Category A & B (Photos)

11. Each participant may submit up to a maximum of 10 images per category.
12. The participant is required to upload the images to a cloud storage system.
13. The participant is required to email the completed contest form and the link to download the images to mtcc@pcp2u.my

Submission Requirements for Category C (Facebook/Instagram)

14. The participant is required to post the photos to his/her own Facebook with the title “Experience Forest, Experience MTCS-PEFC” and the following hashtags: #mtccphotocontest2021 #staysafestaygreen. Each post must be set for public viewing.
15. There is no limit to the number of postings.
16. Winners for this category are not eligible to be considered for the Grand Prize.

Submission Requirements for Category D (Video)

17. Each participant may submit up to a maximum of 5 video clips.
18. The participant is required to upload the images to a cloud storage system.
19. The participant is required to email the completed contest form and the Facebook link to view the video to mtcc@pcp2u.my

Submission Date / Contest Form

20. The contest form can be downloaded from the following Facebook pages: MTCC.Malaysia, AdvancedImagesTravelution, majalahFotografika and & PhotoCreatorTravelmate
21. The contest is open for submissions from 21 March until 30 June 2021.

General

22. The MTCC Photography Contest 2021 - “Experience Forest, Experience MTCS-PEFC” is jointly organised by the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) and PCP Publications.
23. The following submissions are ineligible for this contest:
 - Photos of pets or domestic animals.
 - Images of captive animals photographed in zoos or commercial game farms.
 - Photos that violate or infringe upon another person’s rights, including but not limited to copyright.
 - Images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, or damage to the environment by the photographer.
 - Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.
 - All submitted images shall not contain any infringing, threatening, false, misleading, abusive, harassing, libelous, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, scandalous, inflammatory, pornographic or profane contents. In addition, the images shall not constitute or encourage any conduct which could be considered a criminal offence, give rise to civil liability or violate any law.
24. Copyright of all images submitted for this contest remains with the respective photographers. However, MTCC reserves the rights to reproduce and feature any or all of the winning images in any of its publications, website, social media and/or in any publicity materials related to its objectives, without notification or payment.
25. There will be no acknowledgement of receipt.

26. Late, illegible, incomplete, defaced or corrupted entries will not be accepted. MTCC cannot be held responsible for lost entries. Proof of transmission/postage will not be accepted as proof of receipt.
27. Each participant enters this contest at own risk. Regardless of the outcome, the participant shall not challenge the results of the contest or file any claims or suits against MTCC, its chairman, board of trustees, chief executive officer, or employees, arising from the conduct of the contest.
28. Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, content (appeal to viewers), quality (focus / angle of shot / lighting), value (informative / promotional), originality and overall impact. The story behind the photo may also influence the judges' decisions.
29. Judging will be conducted by the management of MTCC and a group of guest judges selected by MTCC at its sole discretion. Decisions made by the judges are final.
30. Questions and enquiries on the contest rules or technical matters including problems relating to the uploading of photos can be submitted to mtcc@pcp2u.my
31. All photos must be completed with the required information including their eligible categories, dates, locations and any digital adjustments made. Entries without complete information will be disqualified.
32. Results of the contest will be announced in various media and winners will be notified by email/text message/phone call.

Copyright and Usage

33. Participants remain the copyright holder to any images they submit.
34. By entering the contest, the winners grant to MTCC and PEFC a non-exclusive, royalty-free, and perpetual license to reproduce, publish and communicate to the public by any means and exhibit their image(s) and copies of their image(s) in all media throughout the world in relation to the organisations, including but not limited to all use in the context of:
 - i. Inclusion within www.mtcc.com.my, www.pefc.org and other MTCC and PEFC websites, websites of PEFC members, social media and newsletters.
 - ii. Inclusion in promotional, press and marketing materials (such as press articles and brochures) associated with MTCC, PEFC and its members.
 - iii. Display in exhibitions.
35. Any photograph used by MTCC and PEFC shall carry a credit line (e.g. © photographer's name). Any failure to provide such credit line shall not be deemed to be a breach, as long as MTCC and PEFC uses reasonable endeavours to rectify such failure within a reasonable period from the date of notice of such failure.
36. MTCC and PEFC reserve the right to crop images if necessary.
37. The participant ~~enters~~ is responsible for any claim made by a third party against the submission.