

## **Prizes**

### **Overall**

Grand Photo Award - RM2,000 cash + E-certificate

### **Photo Categories (A & B)**

1x Best Photo: RM1,200 cash & E-certificate

2x Merit Photo: RM600 cash & E-certificate

10x Promising Photo: RM200 cash & E-certificate

### **Social Media Categories (C & D)**

3x Best Reels: RM100 cash & E-certificate

5x Encouraging Reels: RM50 cash & E-certificate

3x Best TikTok Video: RM100 cash + E-certificate

5x Encouraging Tiktok Video: RM50 cash + E-certificate

## **Terms & Conditions**

### **The Participant**

1. This contest is open to all Malaysians and residents of Malaysia 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 who captured the photos 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**

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 and should not be more than five years prior to the beginning date of the contest.
9. Social media (Facebook/Instagram/TikTok) submissions are exempted from rule #5.

## **The Categories**

The contest consists of 4 categories:

### **Category A: Forest Landscapes and Ecosystems**

Description:

This category is open for images that showcase the uniqueness of Malaysia's forest landscapes in various geological, climatological, and biological features, including great shots of the flora and fauna that make the forests very fascinating to be observed, valued, and conserved.

### **Category B: People and Sustainable Forest**

Description:

This category is open for images of people involved in the field of forestry responsible for the sustainable management and well-being of Malaysia's forest resources. This category could include people at work such as foresters, forest rangers, forest researchers or auditors. In addition, it could include shots of the indigenous people who have been living in or at the vicinity of the forest, and have a long tradition in caring for the forest. The image could also portray people at work who utilise modern technologies for managing and conserving Malaysia's forest resources.

### **Category C: #lovenaturecarenature (Facebook & Instagram Reels)**

Description:

This category invites video reflecting a positive connection with nature while emphasizing responsible stewardship. Participants are encourage to share video illustrating their appreciation for Malaysia's natural beauty and their commitment to preserving it. Whether exploring forests, mountains, or coastlines, entrants should demonstrate mindful interaction with the environment, leaving only footprints and taking only memories and photographs. Each entry must tag MTCC Facebook/ Instagram account (@MTCC.Malaysia) and Travelution Facebook Account (@travelution) together with the following hashtags: #mtccphotocontest2024 and #lovenaturecarenature.

### **Category D: #lovenaturecarenature (TikTok Video)**

Description:

This category invites video reflecting a positive connection with nature while emphasizing responsible stewardship. Participants are encourage to share video illustrating their appreciation for Malaysia's natural beauty and their commitment to preserving it. Whether exploring forests, mountains, or coastlines, entrants should demonstrate mindful interaction with the environment, leaving only footprints and taking only memories and photographs. Each entry must tag MTCC TikTok account (@mtccwoodtok) together with the following hashtags: #mtccphotocontest2024 and #lovenaturecarenature.

**Submission Requirements for Category A & B (Photos)**

10. Each participant may submit up to a maximum of 5 images per category.
11. The participant is required to fill up and upload the images to the online form.

**Submission Requirements for Category C (Facebook & Instagram Reels)**

12. The participant is required to post the photos to his/her own account with the title “Experience Forest, Experience MTCS-PEFC” and must tag MTCC Facebook/Instagram account (@MTCC.Malaysia) and Travelution Facebook Account (@travelution) together with the following hashtags: #mtccphotocontest2024 and #lovenaturecarenature.
13. Each post must be set for public viewing.
14. There is no limit to the number of reels.

**Submission Requirements for Category D (TikTok Video)**

15. The participant is required to post the reels to his/her own Facebook with the title “Experience Forest, Experience MTCS-PEFC” and Each entry must tag MTCC TikTok account (@mtccwoodtok) together with the following hashtags: #mtccphotocontest2024 and #lovenaturecarenature.
16. Each post must be set for public viewing.
17. There is no limit to the number of videos.
18. Winners for Social Media categories (C&D) are not eligible to be considered for the Grand Prize.

**Submission Date / Contest Form**

19. The link to the contest form can be obtained from the following Facebook pages: MTCC.Malaysia, Travelution, majalahFotografika and PhotoCreatorTravelmate.
20. The contest is open for submission from 9 August until 30 September 2024.

**General**

21. The MTCC Photography Contest 2024 - “Experience Forest, Experience MTCS-PEFC” is jointly organised by the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) and PCP Publications.
22. The following submissions are **ineligible** for this contest:
  - a. Photos of pets or domestic animals.
  - b. Images of captive animals photographed in zoos or commercial game farms.
  - c. Photos that violate or infringe upon another person’s rights, including but not limited to copyright.
  - d. Images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, or damage to the environment by the photographer.
  - e. Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.
  - f. 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.

- g. Photos that have been previously awarded in another contest or submitted to other contests that are currently underway.
23. 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.
24. There will be no acknowledgement of receipt of submission.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. The judges reserve the right not to give any award if, in their opinion, none of the entries meet the required standard.
30. Questions and enquiries on the contest rules or technical matters including problems relating to the uploading of photos can be submitted to [mtccphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:mtccphotocontest@gmail.com)
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.
33. The information given in these terms and conditions is correct at the time of publication. MTCC and PEFC reserve the right to change any of it without prior notice. By entering the contest, participants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these terms and conditions. Any breach of these terms by a participant will void his/her entry. If a breach has occurred, but is discovered after the award of a prize, then the organisers may require the return of that prize.

#### **Copyright and Usage**

34. Participants remain the copyright holder to any images they submit.
35. By entering the contest, the winners grant 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:

36. Inclusion within [www.mtcc.com.my](http://www.mtcc.com.my), [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org) and other MTCC and PEFC websites, websites of PEFC members, social media and newsletters.
37. Inclusion in promotional, press and marketing materials (such as press articles and brochures) associated with MTCC, PEFC and its members.
38. Display in exhibitions.
39. 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 use reasonable endeavours to rectify such failure within a reasonable period from the date of notice of such failure.
40. MTCC and PEFC reserve the right to crop images if necessary.
41. The participant is responsible for any claim made by a third party against the submission.

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