# Malaysia Day Year 2020 - "Embrace Diversity" Essay Writing Campaign

In conjunction with Malaysia Day, Dong Zong launches the "Embrace Diversity" essay writing competition, with media partner, Malaysiakini.

Sponsored by Selangor Local Government, Public Transportation and Village Development exco member, Ng Sze Han, the competition invites members of the public to share their precious stories of multiculturalism or cross-cultural experience, with the aim of tackling racism, stigma, prejudice and xenophobia in the country.

Please pick up your pen and join us. By taking part in the project at this memorable juncture of our history, we can together build a better future of our country through embracing diversity and inclusiveness.

#### Objective:

- 1. Promote multiculturalism, encourage a respectful and inclusive society.
- 2. Preserve the multi-cultural identity of the country.

We look forward to your participation. The rules and regulations are below:

#### **Eligibility:**

- Open for Malaysian and Non-Malaysian
- Staff and family members of the organisers are **INELIGIBLE** to participate in this project.

#### Theme:

The content of the essay must be related with the writer's personal experience regarding multiculturalism or interaction between different races. The content must strictly be based on a true story, and not fictional.

#### **Prizes:**

- All eligible participants will receive a token of appreciation for the participation.
- Selected entrants will receive a cash prize and their essays will be published by Malaysiakini.

#### Deadline:

 All the entries (hardcopy or softcopy) must be submitted before or on September 13, 2020.

### **Essay guideline:**

- Entries can be submitted in hard copy or soft copy. For hardcopy entries, only entries with postage stamp of September 13, 2020 or earlier will be considered.
- Handwritten entries must be legible.
- Softcopy entries must be saved in PDF and Word format with Arial font (12 point) and 1.15 spacing.
- Each participant is allowed to submit one (1) essay only, either in Bahasa Melayu, English or Mandarin. The essay must not be less than 500 words or more than 1000 words.
- Participants must include word count at the end of the essay.
- All submitted essays must be attached with a related picture, graphic or drawing.
- The related picture, graphic or drawing must include inside the entry and save in soft copy email to the organiser.

# Post your entry to address as below:

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(Organisation Affair Department) Dong Zong Blok A, Lot 5, Seksyen 10, Jalan Bukit, 43000 Kajang, Selangor Malaysia.

Soft copy entry email to: dzmemc@dongzong.my

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#### Copyrights

- Only original essays will be considered for the competition. Previously published essays are therefore excluded. Any form of plagiarism will result in disqualification of the entry.
- Copyright in all contributions accepted will remain with the authors, and they are free to re-use their own material.

#### Judging

- The organiser will select a number of winning essays.
- All entries must be in accordance with the competition requirement, term and condition.
- All the eligible participants will be contacted in person by the organiser.
- Decisions on any matter are final. There is no obligation on the organiser to provide an explanation for any decision made.
- Malaysiakini has the right to edit winning essays for language and grammar, for publication.

Essays incompatible with the above rules and conditions will not be considered.

Participation in the competition implies acceptance of the above terms and conditions.

# For more information:

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