

AIM 22 CRITERIA

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

1. Nominations are open for Albums and Singles published in Malaysia from **1st July 2014 – 30th June 2016**.
2. Definition of “Date Published”:
 - (i) For Albums/Singles in physical form, it is the date the entire Album/Single is released for the purpose of sale to the public in physical form;
 - (ii) For Albums/Singles in digital form, it is the date it is issued for the purpose of sale to the public in digital form. Songs must be downloaded in the form of full songs and not just partly like true tones or ringtones.
3. Nominations are open to all Record Labels and Production Houses that are members of the **Recording Industry Association of Malaysia (RIM)** and artistes who are members of **Recording Performers Malaysia Berhad (RPM)**.
4. Each nomination for each category should be accompanied by one (1) application form and one (1) compact disc, Video compact disc and/or Digital Video Disk (if necessary).
5. A nomination can only be sent for one (1) music genre only (set by the Recording Company/ Production House).
6. Artistes under the record labels or production house that are members of **RPM** that meet the below criteria will be considered as eligible :
 - (a) Any artist who is a Malaysian citizen ;
 - (b) Any artist who holds the status of permanent resident and have lived in Malaysia for at least six months in a year in the next two years in a row before the event date (during the period of eligibility and the eligibility of prior);
 - (c) Any foreign artist based in Malaysia for at least six months in a year in the next two years in a row before the event date (during the period of eligibility and the eligibility of prior) and under record labels or production house that are members of RIM.

For group or duo, at least 50% of the members of the group should meet one of the above criteria. RIM Council members have the right to determine the eligibility under special circumstances where, for example, artists concerned is connected with Malaysian culture.

7. Any composer/lyricist under the music producer Malaysia unless otherwise stated that meet the criteria below will be considered as eligible:
 - (a) Any composer/lyricist who is a Malaysian citizen;
 - (b) Any composer/lyricist who have the status of permanent resident and have lived in Malaysia for at least six months in a year in the next two years in a row before the event date (during the period of eligibility and the eligibility of prior);
 - (c) Any foreign composer/lyricist based in Malaysia for at least six months in a year in the next two years in a row before the event date (during the period of eligibility and the eligibility of prior) and under record labels or production house that are members of RIM.

RIM Council members have the right to determine the eligibility in special circumstances where, for example, composer/lyricist concerned is connected with Malaysian culture.

8. For ‘Best Album’ category, producer must meet one of the criteria below:
 - (a) Any producer who is a Malaysian citizen ;
 - (b) Any producer who have the status of permanent resident and have lived in Malaysia for at least six months in a year in the next two years in a row before the event date (during the period of eligibility and the eligibility of prior);
 - (c) Any foreign producer who is based in Malaysia for at least six months in a year in the next two years in a row before the event date (during the period of eligibility and the eligibility of prior) and under record labels or production house that are members of RIM.
8. Record labels assume full responsibility in determining the appropriate and correct category for each nomination. Any entries found to contain incorrect information or is not accompanied by the required information will be disqualified. The nomination fee will not be refunded when the nominations were cancelled.

9. By submitting the nominations, record labels and production house hereby unequivocally gives complete authority permit or license the song and/or music videos from the album/single nominated to be included in the compilation album AIM 22, and also let the artist/song/album debut in the show 'live' which is likely to be broadcast on television for the promotion ceremony, where selection and its conditions are determined at the sole discretion of RIM for sale to the public with a view to promoting the AIM 22 event.
10. An album must contain a minimum of five (5) songs, with a duration of not less than 15 minutes.
11. For the category 'Best Album', please indicate the best 3 songs on a compact disc/cover album with a marker pen according to the ranking of 1 to 3.
12. In the event of a conflict or uncertainty, the final decision is subject to the discretion of the RIM.
13. The nomination fee for each entry is Ringgit Malaysia **One Hundred Only (RM100.00) including 6% GST**. The nomination must be accompanied by a cheque/cash in the name of Recording Industry Association of Malaysia (example: for the nomination of the artist/Album/Song in three categories – 'Best Vocal Performance In A Song (Male)', 'Best Album' and 'Best Song', the nomination fee is **RM 300.00**).
14. Nominations must reach the address below before or on the closing date on **29 July 2016 (Friday)**, before 5.00 p.m.

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AWARD CATEGORIES FOR AIM 22

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24. **BEST MALAYSIAN SINGER (NEW)**

CATEGORIES & FULL CRITERIA

1. BEST NEW ARTISTE

Awarded to the eligible Artiste. This category is for a new Artiste, solo or group who releases a first recording that establishes the public identity of the Artiste. Each Artiste must submit only one (1) song for this category. Artistes that have been featured in other recordings previously either as a solo or group under any other name are not eligible in this category.

- Criteria:
- Image
 - Presentation
 - Vocal Ability
 - Bahasa Malaysia or English repertoire
 - Must be first recorded single/album
 - Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clause 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)

- Materials Required:
- Compact Disc
 - Music Video (VCD,DVD)
 - Newspaper clippings (Ten (10) copies)
 - Artiste biodata (Ten (10) copies)
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of 5 different versions of artiste's photos in DVD/CD

2. BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (MALE)

Awarded to the eligible Artiste for solo vocal performances. Each Artiste must only submit one (1) song for this category.

- Criteria:
- Song interpretation
 - Vocal technique
 - Voice control
 - Intonation
 - Pitching
 - Bahasa Malaysia or English repertoire
 - Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD

3. BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (FEMALE)

Awarded to the eligible Artiste for solo vocal performances. Each Artiste must only submit one (1) song for this category.

- Criteria:
- Song interpretation
 - Vocal technique
 - Voice control
 - Intonation
 - Pitching
 - Bahasa Malaysia or English repertoire
 - Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)

- Materials required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste's photo in DVD/CD

4. BEST VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG (GROUP)

Awarded to the eligible Group. Each Group must submit only one (1) song for this category.

- Criteria:
- The song must consist of vocal performances by more than one vocalist from the group (collaborations or performances by duets or groups of Artistes who do not normally perform together are not eligible in this category).
 - Song interpretation
 - Vocal technique
 - Voice control
 - Intonation
 - Pitching
 - Bahasa Malaysia or English repertoire
 - Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of group members
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of group's photo in DVD/CD

5. BEST DUO/COLLABORATION VOCAL PERFORMANCE IN A SONG

Awarded to the eligible Artistes. Each duo/collaboration must only submit one (1) song for this category.

- Criteria:
- The song must consist of vocal performances of duets/collaborations
 - Song interpretation
 - Vocal technique
 - Voice control
 - Intonation
 - Pitching
 - Bahasa Malaysia or English repertoire
 - Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artistes
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artistes' photo in DVD/CD

6. BEST ALBUM COVER

Awarded to the Designer(s). This category is open to Local and Foreign Designer(s) of local album covers.

- Criteria:
- Concept
 - Graphics
 - Photography
 - Art direction
 - Layout
 - Production facilities must be in Malaysia

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of album cover in DVD/CD

7. BEST ENGINEERED ALBUM

Awarded to the Engineer(s). This category is open to Local and Foreign Engineer(s) of local albums.

- Criteria:
- Recording
 - Separation
 - Mixing
 - Mastering
 - Basic Recording and Mixing must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of album cover in DVD/CD

8. BEST MUSIC VIDEO

Awarded to the Video Director(s). This category is open to Local and Foreign Video Director(s) of local music videos. Nomination is for an individual video clip released during the eligibility period.

- Criteria:
- Concept
 - Cinematography
 - Art direction
 - Editing
 - Production facilities must be in Malaysia

- Material required:
- Video in HD quality (DVD)
 - Video format accepted in digital file: .avi/.mpg/.mpeg

9. BEST ETHNIC POP SONG

Awarded to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solo's, duo's or groups, vocal or instrumental.

- Criteria:
- Must have traditional elements (inclusive of Nusantara, Asli, Indigenous, Local Dialects, East Malaysian, **Dangdut**, **“World Music”** and Ethnic music)
 - Judging will be based on application of genre
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation (where applicable)
 - Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
 - Either Basic Recording & Mixing and must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size (*do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name*)
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste, composer & lyricist's photo in DVD/CD

10. BEST NASYID SONG

Awarded to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solo's, duo's or groups.

- Criteria:
- Judging will be based on application of genre (including contemporary nasyid, elements of devotion etc)
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation
 - Minimum 60% Bahasa Malaysia and/or 40% Arabic repertoire
 - Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
 - Either Basic Recording& Mixing must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste, composer & lyricist's photo in DVD/CD

11. BEST ROCK SONG

Awarded to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solo's, duo's or groups.

- Criteria:
- Judging will be based on application of genre
(inclusive of Pop Rock, Alternative, Hard Rock, Metal, Trash, Nu Metal, Rap Core, etc.)
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation
 - Minimum 60% Bahasa Malaysia repertoire
 - Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
 - Either Basic Recording& Mixing must be done in a Malaysian studio

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
 - A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste, composer & lyricist's photo in DVD/CD

12. BEST POP SONG

Awarded to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solo's, duo's or groups.

- Criteria:
- Judging will be based on application of genre
(inclusive of Dance, Techno, etc.)
 - Song quality
 - Melody
 - Lyrics
 - Musical arrangement

- Recording and production quality
- Vocal presentation
- Minimum 60% Bahasa Malaysia repertoire
- Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
- Either Basic Recording & Mixing must be done in a Malaysian studio

Material required:

- Compact Disc
- NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
- A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)
- A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste, composer & lyricist's photo in DVD/CD

13. BEST HIP HOP SONG

Awarded to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solo's, duo's or groups.

Criteria:

- Judging will be based on application of genre (inclusive of Rap, R&B, etc.)
- Song quality
- Melody
- Lyrics
- Musical arrangement
- Recording and production quality
- Vocal presentation
- Minimum 60% Bahasa Malaysia repertoire
- Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
- Either Basic Recording& Mixing must be done in a Malaysian studio

Material required:

- Compact Disc
- NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
- A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)
- A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste, composer & lyricist's photo in DVD/CD

14. BEST LOCAL ENGLISH SONG

Awarded to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer and Lyricist(s) for a new song released during the eligibility period. This category is for solo's, duo's or groups. Nominations are open to all music genres.

Criteria:

- Song quality
- Melody
- Lyrics
- Musical arrangement
- Recording and production quality
- Vocal presentation
- English repertoire
- Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
- Either Basic Recording & Mixing must be done in a Malaysian studio

Material required:

- Compact Disc
- NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste, Composer and Lyricist
- A copy of lyrics typed in Arial font pitch 12 in block capitals on plain A4 size
(do not state record company, lyricist and composer's name)
- A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of artiste, composer & lyricist's photo in DVD/CD

15. KEMBARA AWARD (INTERNATIONAL AWARD)

This category is open for submissions but not for judging. The recipient of this award will be determined solely by the RIM Council.

- Criteria:
- To a Malaysian Artiste responsible for promoting Malaysian compositions outside the country
 - Only achievements during the period of eligibility will be taken into consideration
 - Only achievements abroad are acceptable

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - Video / Show reel (VCD, DVD)
 - Newspaper clippings which substantiate achievements abroad (Ten (10) copies)
 - Artiste biodata (Ten (10) copies)
 - NRIC / Passport photocopy of Artiste
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of 5 different versions of artiste's photos in DVD/CD

16. SRI WIRAMA AWARD (FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION)

This category is not open for submission or judging. The recipient of this award will be determined solely by the RIM Council.

- Criteria:
- An individual for his/her outstanding contribution to the Malaysian music industry.

17. BEST MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT IN A SONG (ALL LANGUAGES)

Awarded to the Arranger(s). This category is also open to Local and Foreign Arranger(s).

- Criteria:
- Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
 - Creativity
 - Suitability
 - Quality
 - Interpretation of song

- Material required:
- Compact Disc
 - A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of arranger's photo in DVD/CD

18. BEST SONG

Awarded to the eligible Artiste(s), Composer(s) and Lyricist(s). This category is not open for submission and the recipient of this award is judged by a selected independent panel of judges based on the winners of 'Best Ethnic Pop Song', 'Best Nasyid Song', 'Best Rock Song', 'Best Pop Song', 'Best Hip Hop Song' and 'Best Local English Song' award categories.

19. BEST ALBUM

Awarded to the eligible Album Producer(s) (refer to clause 8 of the terms & conditions) and Artiste(s),

- Criteria:
- Compilation albums of Various Artistes are not eligible
 - Song quality
 - Musical arrangement
 - Recording and production quality
 - Vocal presentation
 - 60% Bahasa Malaysia repertoire

- 60% composed by Malaysian(s) subject to eligibility criteria
- Basic recording and mixing must be done in a Malaysian studio

Material required:

- Compact Disc
- NRIC / Passport photocopy of Producer and Artiste
- A high resolution (more than 1MB) soft copy of album cover, photo of producer and artiste in DVD/CD

20. MOST DOWNLOADED SONG (NEW)

Awarded to the Recording Company and Artiste. Each recording company must submit only one (1) nomination for this category based on total downloads from all download platforms within the eligibility period.

Criteria:

- Song must be from a Single/Album from the recording company
- Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
- Download figures submitted will be audited by RIM and/or its appointed auditors

Materials Required: - Compact Disc

21. MOST STREAMED SONG (NEW)

Awarded to the Recording Company and Artiste. Each recording company must submit only one (1) nomination for this category based on total streams from all music streaming services within the eligibility period.

Criteria:

- Song must be from a Single/Album from the recording company
- Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
- Music streaming figures submitted will be audited by RIM and/or its appointed auditors

Materials Required: - Compact Disc

22. MOST VIEWED OFFICIAL MUSIC VIDEO ON YOUTUBE (NEW)

Awarded to the Recording Company and Artiste.

Criteria:

- Official music video from a Single/Album from the recording company
- Official music video must be made and produced in Malaysia
- Total views of the most-viewed official music video on YouTube will be verified by RIM with YouTube

Materials Required: - Sourced from YouTube

23. BEST SELLING RING BACK TONES SONG (NEW)

Awarded to the Recording Company and Artiste. Each recording company must submit only one (1) nomination for this category based on total sales from all telcos combined within the eligibility period.

Criteria:

- Song must be from a Single/Album from the recording company
- Song must meet eligibility criteria (refer to clauses 6 & 7 of the terms & conditions)
- Ring-back-tones sales figures submitted will be audited by RIM and/or its appointed auditors

Materials Required: - Compact Disc

24. BEST MALAYSIAN SINGER (NEW)

Awarded to the Artiste that is judged by the public from a shortlist of 10 Artistes selected by professional judges.

Criteria:

- Artistes listed in the final 5 of the 'Best Vocal Performance in a Song (Male)' and 'Best Vocal Performance In A Song (Female)' categories are automatically eligible to compete in this category