



MEDIA STATEMENT

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ALERT: The Malay Language Theatre Competition was held between National-type Chinese Schools (SJJC) competing for the Championship Trophy and Cash, involved 10 schools in Selangor and Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur - National Department for Culture and Arts

EMPOWERING THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE IN NATIONAL-TYPE CHINESE SCHOOLS THROUGH THEATRE PERFORMING ARTS

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 JUNE - In popularizing Bahasa Melayu to all Malaysians, the Department for Culture and Arts (JKKN), Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia, Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka (DBP) and Ministry of Education, through the management of Malaysian Han Cultural Association (HAN) remain committed in supporting and glorifying the National Language among younger generation. This is done by organizing the Malay Language Theatre Competition 2019 between Chinese schools at the National Level by providing the opportunity and space to National-type Chinese Schools throughout Malaysia to showcase student's talents in theatre performing arts.

In 2016, the collaboration between the National Department for Culture and Arts (JKKN), Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka (DBP) and Malaysian Han Cultural Association (HAN) have succeeded in organizing a theatre program for the first time to enhance the Malay Language proficiency among students. The programme organization received an overwhelming support and participation among schools and student's parents themselves.

JKKN had taken the initiative in providing opportunities to the Ministry of Education Malaysia to create collaboration in publicizing the National Language Month every year by organizing such competitions. This year's competition involves 10 National-type Chinese Schools in Selangor and Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur with the involvement of 180 students and the evaluation for the competition was carried out on 14 June 2019.

Among the purpose of this program is to introduce and fostering interest and love towards theatre acting art at the primary school student's level. Through this competition, they are able to enhance their speech skills and empowering the National Language within themselves as well as enhancing confidence and communication through Language and arts medium.

"This programme is highly suitable to be implemented in empowering human capital towards fostering noble values amongst primary school students apart from enhancing national unity and integration," said the JKKN Director General, Tan Sri Norliza Rofli in a statement today.

The competition which is being held for the third time since 2016 and 2017 is one of the programmes to support the Ministry of Education Malaysia along with Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka (DBP) in glorifying the National Language through collaboration with Non-Governmental Organization or arts activists and boosting the spirit of unity among races in Malaysia.

The winner of Excellent Performance Award for this competition will take home MYR2,000 in cash, Medal, and certificate of participation, the Best Performance Award for this competition will receive MYR2,000 in cash, Medal, and certificate of participation, while the Winner of Promising Group Award will bring home MYR2,000 in cash, Medal, and certificate of participation. In addition, the winner of Creative Group Award, Team Spirit Award and Jury's Special Award will receive MYR500 in cash, certificate of participation and medal.

JKKN also introduced few awards for individuals and groups through Jury's Special Award, Best Male Actor and Best Female Actor where each of them will bring home MYR400 in cash, certificate, book and medal.

The ceremony was also attended by YB. Tuan Muhammad Bahktiar Wan Chik, the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, JKKN Director General and Datuk Haji Abang Sallehuddin Bin Abang Shokeran, Director General of Dewan

Bahasa dan Pustaka, and also Tuan Tan Kok Wai, Malaysian Special Envoy to China.

The National Department for Culture and Arts, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia are always aware in searching for initiatives that provides added value, enhancement towards the sustainability of the nation's cultural arts through efforts in supporting such human capital development.

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