



BIOECONOMY INNOVATION AWARDS – COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

BIOECONOMY INNOVATION AWARDS (BIA) 2017 COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility

The BIA 2017 Competition is open to all organisations exhibiting in BioMalaysia 2017. Applicants must be those representing institutions of higher learning and research institutes. Only entries with payment of Entry Fee will be accepted.

2. Non-Eligible Persons

The following are not eligible to enter the competition: -

- a) Members of the Organising Committee of the BIA 2017 Competition.
- b) Members of the Panel of Judges for the BIA 2017 Competition.

3. Exclusions

The following are **not acceptable** for the BIA 2017 Competition: -

- a) Inventions/innovations or designs which are known to be used by others or contrary to public order, health or welfare.
- b) Inventions which **have been submitted previously without any further improvement / value addition** at any competition organised by Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd.

4. Categories

The BIA 2017 Competition shall be divided into four (4) categories, namely:-

- a) **Agriculture/Agro-Based Industry**
 - i. Most Innovative Products
 - ii. Most Commercial Ready Products
- b) **Bio-Industrial Technology**
 - i. Most Innovative Products
 - ii. Most Commercial Ready Products
- c) **Healthcare & Wellness**
 - i. Most Innovative Products
 - ii. Most Commercial Ready Products
- d) **Green & Renewable Technology**
 - i. Most Innovative Products
 - ii. Most Commercial Ready Products



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5. Display and Demonstration at Booth by Participant(s)

For the Most Innovative category, participants shall display and demonstrate to the Panel of Judges the working models, illustrations or drawings and samples of products described in the Competition Entry Form, together with description of the raw materials used and the various steps involved in the case of manufactured products.

For the Most Commercial Ready category, participants should preferably also demonstrate commercial-readiness and presence of potential JV / Collaboration partners.

6. Evaluation by Judges

The final judging shall take place at the exhibition site on the first (1st) day of the exhibition or any other day deemed suitable by the Organising Committee.

7. Closing Date of Entries

The Competition Entry Form must be submitted together with the payment to Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd by 1 July 2017, unless otherwise permitted by the Organising Committee.

8. Awards and Prizes

Medals and Certificates of Merit shall be given to the winners based on gold, silver and bronze medals for each category. Two (2) additional special awards are:

- a) Bioeconomy Innovation of the Year
- b) Most Promising Innovation

The Panel of Judges reserves the right to declare “No Winner(s)” in any of the categories if the Panel of Judges deem that there are no entries of deserving merit. In such event, the Panel of Judges may award consolation prizes as may be determined at their sole discretion.

Each entry shall only be awarded one Certificate of Participation with inclusion of all team members. Names of all members printed on the certificate will be as per the Entry Form. Any request for insertion of additional names shall not be entertained.



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9. Judging Criteria

Each invention / entry will be judged based on the following 5 key criteria. However, the weightage for scoring given for the Most Innovative Products and Most Commercial Ready Products Categories shall be different.

1. Status of invention/innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Novelty• Scientific rigor• Endorsement/validation• Status of readiness for market
2. Application of Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usefulness• Socioeconomic impact• Due diligence on market demand• Safety• User-friendliness/environmental-friendliness
3. Commercialisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market potential• Partnerships• Job creation• Revenue generation• Practice global product stewardship
4. Intellectual Property Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protection of invention• Scope of protection
5. Presentation & Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard of presentation• Information for distribution

10. Refund Policy

The Entry Fee is non-refundable.

11. Disclaimer

- a) The decisions of the Panel of Judges shall be final and binding. Participants shall abide by such decisions and shall not be entitled to be paid or indemnified for any losses, expenses or damages by the Panel of Judges or any of its members or the Organising Committee and its officers and employees in respect of any matters which may arise from or be connected to the organisation conduct and results of the BIA 2017 Competition.
- b) In the case of entries which have not been granted Letters of Patent, Utility Innovation Certificates of Registration of Designs by any competent authority for the granting of such rights, any favourable or unfavourable decisions by the Panel of Judges shall have no legal standing nor be cited in any way in regards to the patentability or registrability of such items under the respective laws.



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- c) Intending participants shall note that in many countries participation in exhibition/competitions may constitute “disclosure” of the invention concerned under their respective patent laws. Participants are advised to take the necessary action to protect their patent and registration rights against forfeiture of such rights due to such “disclosure”. The Organiser of BIA 2017 Competition shall not be liable for any forfeiture of patent rights suffered by the participants due to their participation in the BIA 2017 Competition.

11. Liability

Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd and/or the Organising Committee accept no responsibility for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment of any kind suffered by any participant in entering the BIA 2017 Competition, including as a result of any participant winning or not winning any prize.

12. Personal Data Protection

Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd and its Group of Companies and/or our authorised service providers may process and disclose the participants’ personal data contained in the Competition Entry Form and any other personal data the participants may subsequently share with Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (Act) and our internal policies for the purposes of providing our services, customer support and for other purposes as may be related to the foregoing and/or the BIA 2017 Competition. By submitting the Competition Entry Form or in the course of the participants communication with Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd, the participants will be conclusively presumed to have consented to the said process and disclosure of their personal data. If participants wish to (a) access, correct or request deletion of their personal data from Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd ’s record, or (b) withdraw such consent, the participants may write to Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd at dataprotection@bioeconomycorporation.my. For further details, kindly visit Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd ’s website to view our Privacy Notice at www.bioeconomycorporation.my .

13. Governing Law

The rules and regulations as well as any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with them or their subject matter (including the BIA 2017 Competition), existence, negotiation, validity, termination or enforceability shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Malaysia.