

The 2023 KANCILS AWARDS & FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE:

6 OCT 2023

FINAL DEADLINE: 20 OCT 2023

**ELIGIBILITY**:

1 OCT 2022 - 16 OCT\*2023

#### **JURY CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD**

It's Kancils time, the biggest annual celebration of Malaysian creativity!

But let's be honest. We're in a bit of a rut. Year after year, we sweat buckets trying to create work that we can be proud of and sometimes, we actually pull it off. Our peers send us emojis, LinkedIn gets lit, journos put it on their front pages and the lucky few of us actually win some lusted-after Kancil metal. That's truly worth celebrating, but all too often, it stops there.

It wasn't always this way, but it has been this way for too long. Everybody reading this has worked on the recurring festive brief that celebrates our unique diversity – such a unique melting pot of influences, inspirations, curiosity and talent! So why doesn't the rest of the industry see that? Why does it seem that the only way to 'make it' is to go somewhere else? Maybe we don't have a creativity problem. Maybe it's a confidence problem, a belief problem. Maybe too many of us confuse ambition for arrogance, maybe we're not thinking big enough with the potential of our thinking. Because the truth is, great idea are truly borderless – great idea can solve a human problem that anyone, anywhere can relate to. Great ideas are truly borderless.

On the subject of humanity, we have to talk about AI – the most fundamental shift in creativity in our lifetime. We creatives are equal parts excited by the possibilities to make amazing new things and intimidated by the possibilities to make us all becoming irrelevant. Right now, the jury might be out, but this Kancil jury won't be looking for how technology can replace human creativity. We don't want examples of using AI to do funky, faster, cheaper versions of what we already do – rather, we want to see its potential in enhancing and enabling new boundaries. We want to see how AI enables us to creatively show new ways of how we see the world, of what Malaysians are made of, that weren't possible before. It cuts across all disciplines, which is why you'll see AI represented across all 'innovation' subcategories this year.

Another shift is the Direct category – there is no more Direct category. What began as a category to celebrate the best in direct mail to your door, has been updated to become 'Commerce'. We wanted to better reflect our industry's ability to use customer insights and technology to drive the bottom line.

The Kancils is a fundamental stepping stone on all of our creative journeys - but it shouldn't be the only destination. As Malaysia's #1 creative festival, it's our mission to reignite the belief in Malaysian creativity again. This year's awards are not just about recognising and awarding great ideas for Malaysia, but great ideas made in Malaysia that the whole world can admire. Let's make 'em jealous, show 'em what we're really made of and that we can Make it for Malaysia"

This is the Kancils 2023 and this time, it only starts here.

Graham Drew Kancils Jury Chairman 2023





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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

So, what work is eligible? Who can enter? Let's get some of those rules out of the way first.

#### What is eligible?

- · Any work that fits in the categories within this entry kit can be entered.
- All entries made in the context of a normal paying contract with a client are eligible to enter. Exceptions can be made for self-promotion work and work for non-profit organisations.
- For work created for clients, the client must've approved and paid for all, or most of, the media and production costs.
- For non-profit work, the work can only be entered in the special "Kancil for Good" subcategory
  under each category, and/or the Craft Kancils category. The media implementation and
  production of the work must have been approved by an authorised representative of the
  non-profit.

#### **International Work**

The Kancils is a celebration of the very best in Malaysian creativity. We are the biggest champions of work that crosses borders, but that work has to be proven to originate in Malaysia. If the work does not meet the following key criteria, the jury reserves the right to withdraw it from the festival:

- · Idea proven to have originated in Malaysia, not just an adaptation of global work
- Key creatives credited for the work must be based in Malaysia; not just senior creatives, but the working team
- The work cannot have been entered into other local/national award shows (this does not include international shows)
- For foreign collaborations entered into the craft category, the craft in question must be executed by a Malaysian team.

#### Who is eligible?

- Anyone. We believe that it shouldn't matter if you're a 4As Malaysia member agency,
  a client, a supplier partnering with an agency, or an independent maker or creator.
  If you've had a hand in creating great work, in the spirit of inclusion, you should be
  eligible to enter.
- Be nice. Credit your partners. During your submission, clearly indicate the role each partner
  plays Idea Creator or Production Company so that we may accurately tally the points for
  Agency of the Year and Production House of the Year. Both Idea Creator and Production
  Company get full points (although points are split equally for multiple Idea Creators), so you
  don't lose out by crediting your partners. If you are both the production company and idea
  creator, list yourself twice, as the Idea Creator and Production Company.

#### When is the eligibility period?

Eligibility period: 1 October 2022 - 16 October 2023

If you have any questions about who or what's eligible, feel free to reach out to 4As Malaysia.

#### A WORD ON SCAM WORK

Scam. That dreaded four-letter word. Scam work devalues our local advertising award show. More importantly, it devalues the honest work done by those in our local advertising industry.

We believe this festival should be a celebration of work that influences humanity, not the size of one's award shelf. While there is never one perfect set of rules to completely eliminate scams, we've developed a few guidelines to help:

- Speculative or conceptual work, as well as work that did not legitimately run, are not eligible for entry. No matter how awesome the idea is. Just run it properly and enter next year lah.
- No copycats, no exceptions. That means no copies or clones of other foreign or local work being passed off as legitimate entries.
- Judges may raise concerns with suspected "scams" with the judging panel, or in confidence with the Jury President, 4As Creative Council Chairperson or 4As President.
- During your submission, you'll be required to provide the name and contact of your client. We reserve the right to verify the entry with the client at any time.
- When a piece of work comes into question, we will request clarification or further information depending on the complaint raised. We reserve the right to request proof of client involvement, media invoices, proof of appearance (tear-sheet, photograph) or other evidence that the entry is legitimate.

Forward proof of appearance to:

#### Kandesh

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72A, Jalan Profesor Diraja Ungku Aziz,
46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
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If any entry submitted fails to meet the requirements above, the entry shall be rejected, entry fee forfeited and any award won withdrawn and disqualified.= The 4As may opt to impose a ban on the disqualified entrant from entering future 4As -Malaysia-run awards on the disqualified entrant, at its discretion. The Jury President's, 4As Creative Council Chairperson's and 4As President's decision is final

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

Some more entry conditions to take note of:

For entries that are submitted to The Kancils 2023, proof of publication, transmission and approval as well as proof of payment by the client must be provided when requested. If such proof cannot be provided, or is insufficient, the entry shall be disqualified. The Jury President's. 4As Creative Council Chairperson's and

4As President's decision is final.

The entrant agrees that the 4As will not accept responsibility for errors or omissions reproduced in any exhibition or annual or for work lost or damaged.

Entries accepted for publication in the The Kancils 2023 Website and subsequent materials received will be retained by the 4As for its digital, film and print library.

The entrant grants the 4As permission to show the entries at such times as deemed appropriate.

As for the credits, please ensure that all information is correct. Information that you submit will be taken as final and cannot be amended for any given reason if your entry is No Refunds on Entries: Under no circumstances will refunds of any fees or costs relating to Entries or Entry into the Awards be issued to Entrants. The fees paid for Entries are intended to cover the costs of administration, processing and judging of the Entries and Awards.

Incorrect or incomplete entries risk disqualification.

Any disqualified entries will not be refunded. This includes duplicate Entries and Entries that do not follow the specified rules.

All entries must adhere to the various advertising regulations, restrictions and guidelines that are issued by the relevant authorities including but not limited to The Malaysian Code of Advertising Practice (Advertising Standards Malaysia). The Content Code (Communications and Multimedia Content Forum Malaysia) and Government Ministries.

If you're unclear about any of these rules, you may reach out to 4As Malaysia for clarifications.

# JUDGING PANEL

Awarding a great body of work starts with having a great panel. We're looking to expand on what we've done in previous years, with the aim of having a judging panel that's fair, diverse and rigorous – a judging panel our local industry deserves:

#### **Globally renowned heads:**

Each main panel will be led by a foreign-based jury member who has won and judged at top regional and/or global shows. This is to provide a global perspective, and to ensure the panel is objectively moderated.

Diverse expertise: The jury is made up of creative leaders from both major network agencies and independent agencies, marketing professionals from the client side, as well as creators from category-relevant disciplines, to allow for more diverse perspectives in the judging room.

#### **Introducing the Preliminary**

Jury: A wider preliminary jury pool made up of current as well as rising creative leaders from diverse backgrounds will aid the Executive Jury in the first round of shortlisting. This would help us build a shortlist that's more representative of the industry, while giving future creative leaders exposure to the judging process.

Subsequent shortlisting and metal rounds will be conducted by creative leaders in the Executive Jury.

A balanced panel: To make sure that the body of awarded work better reflects our audience and industry, we plan to continue with the previous Kancil Awards' initiative to have as close to equal gender representation as possible. We also aim to have representation from some of the promising young talent in our industry, particularly in our preliminary jury. Bye bye, old boys' club.

Independent observers and facilitators: Each panel will be facilitated and observed by 4As Malaysia staff, as well as independent observers.

#### No voting for your own work:

Judges – local or international – will not be allowed to vote for their own work, their network's entries, as well as work from entrant agencies they were formerly with during the eligibility period.

Anonymous voting: We'll continue to practise an anonymous silent shortlisting round, as well as anonymous scoring, via an independently monitored electronic judging system.

Discouraging block voting: We will also discourage the practice "block voting" by having the Jury President, 4As Creative Council Chairperson and independent observers monitor voting and deliberations for suspicious voting behaviour.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

#### Idea Categories

For idea categories, the jury will evaluate the strategy, idea, craft and impact of the work.

**Strategy/Relevance**: Is the problem clearly defined, and the solution insightful?

Idea: Is the idea inspiring?Craft: Is it brilliantly executed?

**Impact**: Is it impactful?

#### **Craft Categories**

For craft categories, the jury will evaluate the strength and originality of the craft, as well as its relevance to the idea and audience.

**Craft**: Is it brilliantly crafted?

**Idea**: How does the craft lift the idea?

**Relevance**: Does the craft help the idea connect with the audience?

#### The Award Levels

After shortlisting the work via anonymous voting, the jury will vote to award the work based on these levels.

**Merit**: I'm proud to have this represent Malaysian creativity.

**Bronze**: Exceptional example of locally relevant Malaysian creativity. Encouraging.

**Silver**: I am jealous of this idea. Potential for regional award win.

**Gold**: This gives me hope in Malaysian advertising again. Potential for a global win.

In addition, ideas in selected subcategories may also contend for special awards. Do refer to the "Special Awards" section to learn more about these awards.



## SPECIAL AWARDS: CULTURE KANCILS



The Culture Kancils is designed to honour work that is deeply Malaysian – work that has a deeply local insight at its core.

Judges will pay close attention to how a deeply local insight derived from local segments, cultures, values, beliefs and traditions was used to inspire and develop an idea that connects to Malaysians.

Judges will also look at how the work helps to preserve and celebrate our rich local culture. However, the work needs to go beyond just execution (e.g., the mere use of local dialects, wardrobe and talent), and must demonstrate a strong understanding of local culture.

#### Judging criteria:

**Cultural Insight**: Does it hinge on a clear, deep cultural insight?

**Idea**: Is the cultural insight used to elevate the idea?

**Execution**: Does the execution reflect a deep understanding of the segment/group/culture?

**Impact**: Does the use of local culture help elicit a stronger response from the audience?

**Responsibility**: Does it promote the values and heritage of the culture positively and responsibly?

We will be inviting specialists in local insights to sit in on this special judging panel.

You cannot enter the Culture Kancils directly. Instead, you must enter the "Best Use of Cultural Insights" subcategory under the relevant category.

The top ideas under each "Best Use of Cultural Insights" subcategory will then be judged together by a judging panel to determine the winner of the Culture Kancils.

Judges may award multiple Culture Kancils, or none, at their sole discretion.

## SPECIAL AWARDS: CREATIVE EFFECTIVENESS KANCILS

The Creative Effectiveness Kancils is designed to honour work that uses creativity to deliver business impact.

Judges will pay close attention to how the entry applies creativity to achieve a clear goal. Entrants are highly encouraged to include a clear objective, insight, as well as verifiable results in their entries.

#### **Criteria for Effectiveness Kancils:**

**Brief**: Is there a clearly identified business problem?

**Strategy**: How did a clear understanding of the segment translate to a brilliant strategy?

**Idea**: Does the idea demonstrate the power impactful creativity?

**Impact**: Does it drive clear, measurable, sustainable results?

We will be inviting client marketers, as well as agency business leads, to sit in on this special judging panel.

You cannot enter the Creative Effectiveness Kancils directly. Instead, you must enter the "Creative Effectiveness" subcategory under the relevant category.

The top ideas under each "Creative Effectiveness" subcategory will then be judged together by a judging panel to determine the winner of the Creative Effectiveness Kancils.

Judges may award multiple Creative Effectiveness Kancils, or none, at their sole discretion.





The Innovation Kancils is designed to celebrate innovative breakthroughs in the category.

Judges will be looking for innovation that connects to people in a creative, usable and functional way.

We will be accepting working prototypes in the beta-testing stage. These prototypes should still be approved and paid for by the clients. Ideas still in the conceptual or speculative stage will not be accepted.

You are highly encouraged to provide the jury with a case film demonstrating the final product or working prototype. If the product is app- or web-platform-based, we highly recommend providing access to the prototype or final product. You may also support your entry with user-journey walkthrough videos.

Idea: Is the idea game-changing?

Technique: Is the technology scalable and accessible?

**Impact**: A potential for impact on the business and consumers?

You cannot enter the Innovation Kancils directly. Instead, you must enter the "Innovation" subcategory under the relevant category.

The top ideas under each "Innovation" subcategory will then be judged together by a judging panel to determine the winner of the Innovation Kancils.

The top innovation winners will be selected by category judges to be present in person. Invited entrants are encouraged to bring working models of the innovation to demonstrate live to the judging panel. Presentation and showcase will be 10 minutes, with 5 minutes of Q&A. The panel will include live audiences.

Judges may award multiple Innovation Kancils, or none, at their sole discretion.

## SPECIAL AWARDS: KANCIL FOR GOOD

We've created a separate subcategory for all the non-profit and branded CSR work to be judged in each category. This is to ensure a focus on commercial creativity, while ensuring that there's still a space to celebrate impactful, legitimate creativity for causes.

Judges will be looking for insightful work that leads to sustainable impact to the cause. Both branded CSR work (paid by a client) and work for non-profits/charities may be entered in Kancil for Good subcategories. However, while branded CSR work may still be entered into other subcategories, non-profit/charity work may only be entered into Kancil for Good and Craft Kancil subcategories. Any work for a non-profit (non-branded CSR work) entered into any other subcategories will automatically be disqualified.

#### Judging criteria for non-profit work:

**Strategy**: Is the problem clearly defined, and the solution insightful?

**Idea**: Is creativity being used as a force for good?

Craft: Is it brilliantly executed?

Impact: Does it impact the cause?

Sustainability: Is it sustainable and scalable?



### Judging criteria for branded CSR work:

**Strategy**: Is the problem clearly defined, and the solution insightful?

**Idea**: Is the idea inspiring?

**Craft**: Is it brilliantly executed?

**Impact**: Does it impact both people and profits?

**Relevance**: Is it relevant to the brand?

We'll be inviting leaders from social enterprises and NGOs to judge the entries in this special category, to ensure that we reward work with sustainable impact. You cannot enter the Kancil for Good directly. Instead, you must enter the "Kancil for Good" subcategory under the relevant category.

The top ideas under each "Kancil for Good" subcategory will then be judged together by a judging panel to determine the winner of the Kancil for Good.

Judges may either award one Kancil for Good winner, or none at all, at their sole discretion.



# ADVERTISER OF THE YEAR, PRODUCTION HOUSE OF THE YEAR & AGENCY OF THE YEAR

The Advertiser of the Year, Production House of the Year & Agency of the Year will be awarded based on the highest accumulated points scored from all categories.

The Agency of the Year will be awarded to 4As Malaysia member agencies based on points accumulated under the Idea Creator role. Agencies must have submitted work as entrants into The Kancils to be eligible to receive points.

The Production House of the Year will be awarded to companies based on points accumulated under the Production Company role.

The Advertiser of the Year can only be awarded to a client whose awarded works were created in the context of a normal paying contract.

To submit your entries, you must credit the companies playing the "Idea Creator" and "Production Company" roles in every entry for

the accurate tabulation of points. Both Idea Creator and Production Company earn full

points (although points are split equally for multiple Idea Creators, including foreign Idea Creators). If your company both created and executed the idea without external support, you may list yourself as both "Idea Creator" and "Production Company".

4As Malaysia reserves the right to amend or include additional Idea Creators and Production Companies, should it find that other companies were significantly involved in the creation of the work but were excluded.

Here are the points awarded to each winning entry:

Golden Kancil: 30 points
Kancil for Good: 20 points
Innovation/Culture/

**Effectiveness Kancils: 20 points** 

Gold: 15 points
Silver: 7 points
Bronze: 3 points
Merit: 1 point

Note: If a piece of work wins a Gold, and eventually wins one of the special awards (Golden Kancil, Kancil for Good, Innovation Kancils, Culture Kancils or Effectiveness Kancils), points will be awarded only for the highest award the entry achieved.

For instance, a Gold Kancil winner that becomes a Golden Kancil winner will be awarded **30 points**, not **30 + 15 = 45 points**.



A lot of blood, sweat, tears and Ringgit go into doing a good piece of work. A whole series of work that works beautifully as a campaign? Even harder. We want to give you a space to celebrate all that hard, good work that went into your campaigns. But at the same time, we need to ensure that the campaign entry system isn't gamed for the sake of racking up points.

It's a balance that's tough to perfect. But we've got to start somewhere. Here's the system we've developed:

#### What is a campaign?

For The Kancils 2023, a campaign entry is an entry in either an eligible "Campaign" subcategory or under the Craft Kancils that has **3 pieces of work or more.** 

#### Single OR campaign. Never both.

A piece of work can only be entered as a single entry, or as part of a campaign. Never both.

#### Only certain subcategories eligible.

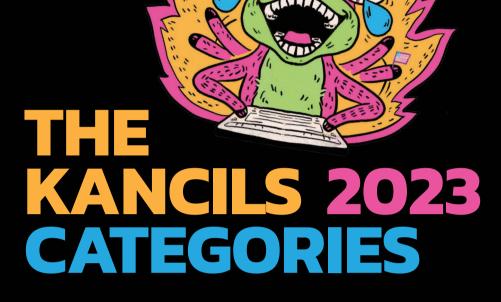
We've created separate SINGLE and CAMPAIGN subcategories under each category for subcategories that we feel could be judged either separately or as a campaign. For certain subcategories, e.g., best use of influencers, judges will be looking at the idea as a whole, so separate single entries will not be accepted.

#### Single or campaign entries under Craft Kancils

For works in a series entered in the Craft Kancils separately as singles, they must be aesthetically different in terms of the craft being judged. Else, a campaign of similar executions must be entered as one campaign. For instance, if you are entering separate pieces under 9.9a TYPOGRAPHY: SINGLE, then the pieces of work must employ executionally different typographic styles and techniques.

#### Judges' right to combine entries into campaigns

Following common practices in other award shows globally, judges may, at their discretion, vote to combine single entries that are similar in idea and/or execution, or aesthetically similar in the case of the Craft Kancils, into one campaign entry. Entrants would not receive a refund on the difference in entry fee.



- 1. Film & Branded Content Kancils
- 2. Audio Kancils
- 3. Print & Publishing Kancils
- 4. Outdoor Kancils
- 5. Design Kancils
- 6. Digital Experience Kancils
- 7. Commerce Kancils
- 8. Brand Experience & Activation Kancils
- 9. Craft Kancils
- 10. Special Awards



# 1. FILM & BRANDED CONTENT KANCILS

 A celebration of the use of creative storytelling through moving images on screens large and small to connect with people.

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- 1.1a **Film (Broadcast & Cinema): Single**Branded film spots placed in on-air
  broadcast slots on FTA, cable and cinema.
- 1.1b **Film (Broadcast & Cinema): Campaign** A campaign of 3 or more.
- 1.2a Film (Online): Single
  Branded film on digital video platforms and streaming services, including pre-roll adverts.
- 1.2b **Film (Online): Campaign** A campaign of 3 or more.
- 1.3 Film (Social Platforms)

  Branded film content that makes the best use of social platforms to drive meaningful engagement with the audience.
- 1.4 Best use of user-generated film content
  Use of film content created by consumers through collaboration, creation or contribution.
- 1.5 **Best use of interactive & dynamic content**Films that viewers can interact with, or that adapt based on user behaviour (e.g., dynamic pre-rolls, personalisable videos).
- 1.6 Best use of live-streaming/live-broadcast Broadcast or online live content, including live coverage of events as well as live-streams on digital platforms.
- 1.7 **Best microfilm (<15 sec)**Bite-sized content under 15 seconds (e.g., YouTube Bumper ads, Facebook PPVs) designed to stop thumbs. For longer social films (e.g., IG Reels), please submit under 1.3: Film (Social Platforms).
  - Best low-budget film

    Big film ideas creatively executed with small production budgets (RM25,000 or less).

    Please submit production budget to support this entry.

1.9 Best use of new realities in storytelling Films created for emerging platforms, including 360° film, VR and AR to create deeper immersion.

Best use of brand integration &

- sponsor-ships/partnerships
  Integration of brands into existing content such as films, TV series, radio/audio shows, as well as strategic and creative partnerships or sponsorships for branded content.
- integrated campaign
   A series of film content (whether online or broadcast) that works seamlessly with at least two other media to engage the consumer.

Best film & branded content-led

- 1.12 Best use of Cultural Insights in Film & Branded Content

  The creative use of insights derived from local culture, values, beliefs and traditions to develop engaging film content.
- 1.13 Innovation in Film & Branded Content
  An innovative breakthrough in the creative
  use of film and branded content as platforms.
  This includes application of AI.
- **Branded Content**The creative use of film to achieve a clear goal. Entries must demonstrate verifiable

Creative Effectiveness: Film &



# 2. AUDIO KANCILS

The Audio Kancils celebrate the insightful use of audio content on radio or digital audio formats to interact with the theatre of our minds.

#### 2.1a Best use of radio: Single

Best use of audio ads placed either on-air or online.

#### 2.1b **Best use of radio: Campaign**

A campaign of 3 or more.

#### 2.2a Best use of branded audio content: Single

Includes podcasts, music, DJ mentions or on-air promos, either online or on-air, to engage with consumers.

#### 2.2b Best use of branded audio content: Campaign

A campaign of 3 or more.

#### 2.3 Best use of Audio & Voice technology

The use of audio-based technologies, such as interactive voice assistants, Spotify API, etc.

#### 2.4 Best audio-led integrated campaign

A series of audio content (whether online or broadcast) that works seamlessly with at least two other media to engage the consumer.

#### 2.5 **Best use of Cultural Insights in Audio**

The creative use of insights derived from local culture, values, beliefs and traditions to develop engaging audio content.

#### 2.6 Innovation in Audio

An innovative breakthrough in the creative use of the radio or digital audio media. This includes application of Al

#### 2.7 Creative Effectiveness: Audio

The creative use of audio media to achieve a clear goal. Entries must demonstrate verifiable results.

#### 2.8 Kancil for Good: Audio



# 3. PRINT & PUBLISHING KANCILS

Shining the spotlight on creativity that combines a human-centred insight with outstanding craft to create ideas that leap off the page.

#### 3.1a **Best use of print: Single**

Engaging print ads on newspapers and magazines that leap off the page.

#### 3.1b **Best use of print: campaign**

A campaign of 3 or more.

#### 3.2a Best use of printed or published media: Single

The creation of books, magazines and other printed publications for commercial or promotional purposes, to help the brand engage with the consumer.

#### 3.2b Best use of printed or published media: Campaign

A campaign of 3 or more.

#### 3.3a Best use of digital publications: Single

Publications created for a digital platform, including e-books and digital magazines. Note: Pieces like native digital content and blogs would fall under the Digital Experience Kancil.

#### 3.3b Best use of digital publications: Campaign

A campaign of 3 or more.

#### 3.4 Best print & publishing-led integrated campaign

A series of printed or published content (whether online or offline) that works seamlessly with at least two other media to engage the consumer.

#### 3.5 Best use of Cultural Insights in Print & Publishing

The creative use of insights derived from local culture, values, beliefs and traditions to develop engaging printed or published content.

#### 3.6 Innovation in Print & Publishing

An innovative breakthrough in the creative use of the print & publishing medium. These may include print ads with physically active or digital and interactive elements, such as downloadable applications, QR codes, AI, augmented reality and NFC.

#### 3.7 Creative Effectiveness: Print & Publishing

The creative use of print & publishing to achieve a clear goal. Entries must demonstrate verifiable results.

#### 3.8 Kancil for Good: Print & Publishing



# 4. OUTDOOR KANCILS

#### A celebration of engaging, immersive and creative work experienced out of home.

- 4.1a **Best use of billboards: Single**Best use of sheet or static digital billboards made for standard billboard spaces including roadsides, highways and transit sides.
- 4.1b **Best use of billboards: Campaign** A campaign of 3 or more.
- 4.2a **Best use of posters: Single**Best use of static free-format posters
  made for public spaces. (Digital posters
  should be entered under 4.3a or 4.3b)
- 4.2b **Best use of posters: Campaign** A campaign of 3 or more.
- 4.3a Best use of digital screens: Single
  Best use of digital out-of-home (DOOH)
  advertising spaces. This may include
  animated DOOH content, interactive
  elements that require consumer
  interaction, or dynamic screens that
  uses personalised or real-time data.
- 4.3b **Best use of digital screens: Campaign** A campaign of 3 or more.
- 4.4a **Best use of ambient: Single**Best use of non-standard and free format outdoor that leverages on the use of public spaces, objects and environments. This may include displays, special builds, point-of-sale marketing, distributed promotional items, and vehicle or transit wraps. For static posters, please enter under 4.2a or 4.2b.
- 4.4b **Best use of ambient: Campaign** A campaign of 3 or more.

- 4.5 **Best use of live advertising events**Live out-of-home activations that are witnessed by an audience in real-time.
  This may include live performances, demonstrations, stunts, roadshows or live games.
- 4.6 **Best outdoor interactive experience**Eliciting customer participation in the outdoor space. This may include audience participation events, or the use of techniques such as location-based technology, gamification, or immersive VR, AR or mixed reality experiences.
- 4.7 **Best outdoor-led integrated campaign**A series of outdoor content and
  experiences that works seamlessly with
  at least two other media to engage the
  consumer.
- 4.8 **Best use of Cultural Insights in Outdoor**The creative use of insights derived from local culture, values, beliefs and traditions to develop engaging outdoor ideas.
- 4.9 **Innovation in Outdoor**An innovative breakthrough in the creative use of the outdoor medium.
  These may include new ways to engage with, interact with or respond to outdoor content and use of Al.
- 4.10 **Creative Effectiveness: Outdoor**The creative use of outdoor to achieve a clear goal. Entries must demonstrate verifiable results.
- 4.11 **Kancil for Good: Outdoor**The use of insightful creativity to solve a problem for a cause, ultimately leading to real societal impact. Branded CSR work may also be entered here, but work for non-profits can only be entered into this subcategory.



# **5. DESIGN KANCILS**

A celebration of human-centred design that combines exceptional aesthetic form with intuitive function to connect with people and ultimately, solve a problem for a brand or cause.

#### 5.1 **Brand Identity Design**

Creation of a new brand identity, or refresh of an existing brand.

#### 5.2 **Printed Communication Design**

Publication & editorial design for printed books, annual reports, brand collaterals, promotional items and other printed media. For posters, please enter in 5.3.

#### 5.3 **Poster design**

The design of printed posters on standard, transit, in-store and free-format sites, or digital posters on digital OOH screens.

#### 5.4 Motion Design

The use of motion graphics, video or moving images, etc.

#### 5.5 Digital & Interactive Design

Design on digital media, including website UI, apps, social channels, digital installations, wearables, data visualisation, etc.

#### 5.6 **Brand Environment & Retail Design**

Retail environment design, spatial & sculptural installations, point-of-sale marketing and in-store collaterals, wayfinding and signage, and other physical exhibitions and experiences.

#### 5.7 **Experience Design**

Design of a customer journey or experience – physical or digital – that elicits an emotional or behavioural response.

#### 5.8 **Packaging Design**

Packaging for products, as well as special & promotional packaging.

#### 5.9 **Product/Service Design (Eligible for Innovation)**

Product or service that creatively fuses human-centred function, intuitive usability, and well-crafted aesthetic form. This may include limited-edition promotional items, branded merchandise, other physical goods or digital platforms.

#### 5.10 Best design-led integrated campaign

A series of design experiences that works seamlessly with at least two other media to engage the consumer.

#### 5.11 Best use of Cultural Insights in Design

The creative use of insights derived from local culture, values, beliefs and traditions to develop engaging design.

#### 5.12 **Innovation in Design**

An innovative breakthrough in design application and technique. This may include innovative packaging design, environmental design, interactive design, use of AI or product design.

#### 5.13 Creative Effectiveness: Design

The creative use of design to achieve a clear goal. Entries must demonstrate verifiable results.

#### 5.14 Kancil for Good: Design





# 6 DIGITAL EXPERIENCE KANCILS

A celebration of digital experiences that demonstrate relevant and seamless user engagement and experience as well as masterful execution.

#### 6.1 **Best use of web platforms**

Websites, microsites, web platforms and web applications (including mobile-responsive sites) to promote an entity, product or service.

#### 6.2 Best use of mobile & wearable platforms

Creative leveraging of mobile technology, including mobile websites, mobile applications & utilities, branded mobile utilities and mobile games. This includes smart watches and other wearable platforms.

#### 6.3 **Best use of social & messaging platforms**

Creative usage of social media as well as online messaging platforms, including social media content, Facebook Live campaigns, Messenger chatbots and more.

#### 6.4 Best use of online advertising

Includes paid online advertising such as web banners, rich media ads, dynamic ads, search marketing, pre-rolls as well as native ads (e.g., sponsored content).

#### 6.5 **Data-enhanced creativity**

The creative use of data to elicit an emotional or behavioural response, including data-driven dynamic content and targeting, data visualisation, or creative use of real-time data and APIs.

#### 6.6 **Digitally enhanced physical experiences**

The creative use of digital technology to enhance live events or physical experiences, including digital installations, AR, VR and mixed reality experiences, Internet-of-Things/digitally connected physical products, cross-platform experiences (e.g., second-screen experience working with TV content), etc.

#### 6.7 New realities

The creative application of immersive new realities to entertain and engage with users. Including, but not limited to: AR, VR, mixed reality, immersive systems or virtual worlds.

#### Best use of content marketing

The creation, placement and delivery of content in a digital context to engage with users. This may include storytelling across a single or multiple digital channels, contextual content in response to real-world events or user behaviours, dynamic content or personalised storytelling

#### 6.9 **Best use of influencers**

Creative collaboration between brands and celebrities, social influencers, or content creators to drive reach and impact.

#### 6.10 Digital brand collaborations

A creative collaboration or partnership with a digital channel or platform, including but not limited to games, content portals or applications that led to better reach and engagement for the brand.

#### 6.11 Best use of digital commerce

The creative use of eCommerce, mobile commerce or social commerce platforms, tools and techniques to optimise the customer journey, increase engagement and drive conversion.

#### 6.12 Other digital experiences

Digital experiences that may not fall in any of the other categories.

#### 6.13 Best digital-led integrated campaign

A digitally led series of experiences that works seamlessly with at least two other media to engage the consumer.

#### 6.14 Best use of Cultural Insights in Digital Experiences

The creative use of insights derived from local culture, values, beliefs and traditions to develop engaging digital experiences.

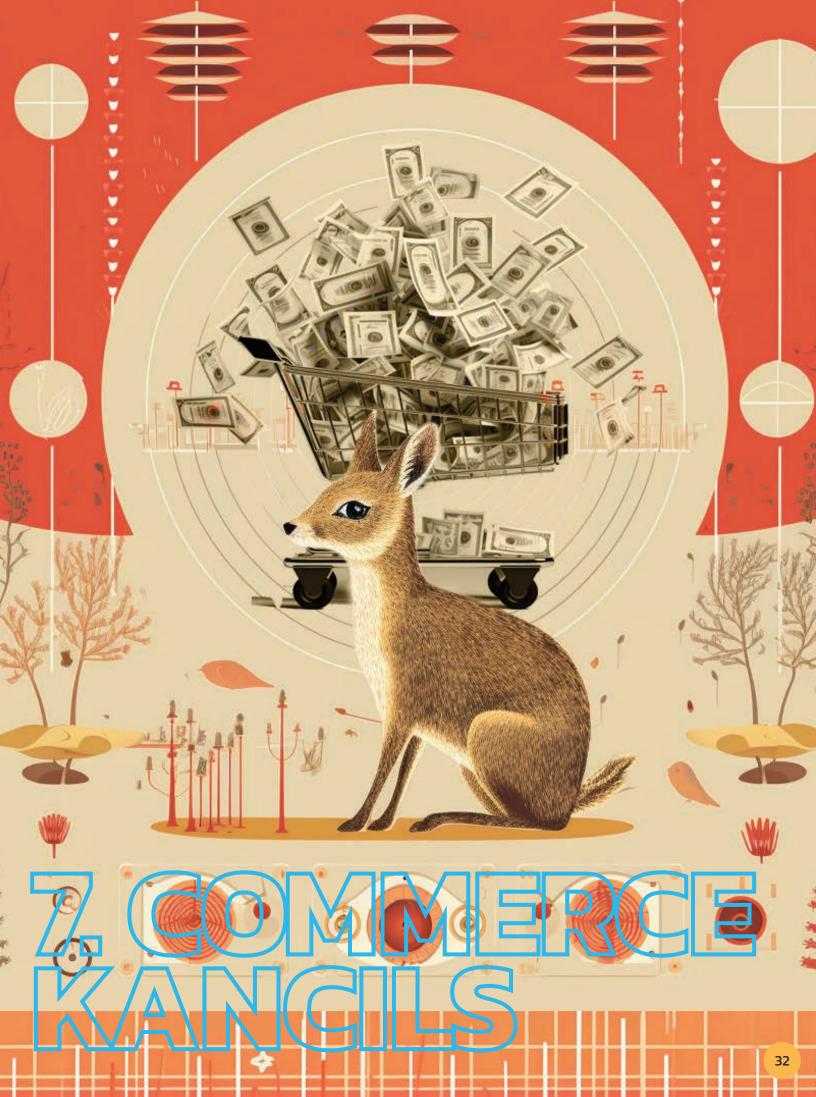
#### 6.15 **Innovation in Digital Experience**

An innovative breakthrough in the use of AI, web, mobile, digital, social or digitally connected physical products and experiences.

#### 6.16 Creative Effectiveness: Digital Experience

The creative use of digital experiences to achieve a clear goal. Entries must demonstrate verifiable results.

#### 6.17 Kancil for Good: Digital Experience



# 7. COMMERCE KANCILS

The Commerce Kancils shines the spotlight on work that applies innovation and creativity to commerce, payment solutions and transactional journeys. In short, ideas that can tangibly demonstrate the power of creativity to drive consumer engagement, conversion, and impact the bottom line.

- 7.1 **Best use of Commerce (physical)**Includes flat and dimensional mail, print
  & outdoor, small-scale handheld
  - & outdoor, small-scale handheld collaterals, large ambient sites and more with a clear and direct call-to-action.
- 7.2 Best use of Commerce (film & radio)

The use of film (including infomercials) for television, cinema and outdoor, as well as radio spots, radio promos or DJ mentions where there is a demonstrable link to driving sales, either via a call-to-action. For online film and audio content, please enter in 7.3.

7.3 Best use of Commerce (digital-led)

Websites, microsites, social media, online advertising, online content, eDM, mobile, and location-based marketing that can demonstrate a clear path to sales.

7.4 Best use of Targeting, Insights and Personalisation

Use of data and dynamic content that attracts and enriches the customer's shopping experience and helps drive a targeted and personal user journey to achieve business results.

7.5 **Best customer retention/loyalty campaign** 

A relationship-building initiative to encourage retention, employing the full length of the sales funnel, reinvigorate lapsed relationships and drive loyalty.

7.6 **Best Sustainable Commerce campaign** 

\*Ideas that actively encourage responsible \*consumer consumption as part of the commerce journey - including eco friendly options, waste management, delivery/shipping options, new economic models.

7.7 Best commerce-led integrated campaign

A series of experiences across three or more media that works seamlessly to elicit a clear commercial impact via response from the consumer.

7.8 Best use of Cultural Insights in Commerce

The use of insights derived from local culture, values, beliefs and traditions to develop engaging, culturally relevant marketing initiatives and open up new customer relationships

7.9 Innovation in Commerce

An innovative breakthrough in the way we elicit a commercial response from the consumer. This includes the application of Al.

7.10 **Creative Effectiveness: Commerce** 

The creative use of direct marketing initiatives to achieve a clear goal. Entries must demonstrate verifiable results.

7.11 Kancil for Good: Commerce



# 8.BRAND EXPERIENCE ACTIVATION KANCILS

A celebration of creative brand building through immersive retail, activation, digital or on-ground customer engagement. Entries should demonstrate how the customer journey, brand experience and optimised touch points led to increased brand affinity and/or commercial success.

#### 8.1 Best use of brand experience & activation (non-digital)

Use of film, radio, print, conventional outdoor, promotional merchandise and/or ambient collaterals and sites leading to immediate activation and/or sales.

#### 8.2 **Best digital-led brand experience & activation**

A brand experience, activation, promo or stunt that used mobile, web, AR, VR, mixed reality, social media, tangible digital installations and/or other forms of digital tech leading to increased brand affinity and sales.

#### 8.3 **Best use of events & live experiences**

Guerilla marketing stunts, launch events, roadshows, field marketing, sampling activities, experiential events, and/or live promotional stunts that lead to immediate activation.

#### 8.4 **Best use of sponsorships & partnerships**

Creative utilisation of sponsorships and/or tie-in partnerships (e.g. sports, music, entertainment) to drive brand affinity and activation.

#### 8.5 **Best launch/relaunch**

An engaging launch or re-launch of a brand, product or service through the creative use of brand experiences or activations.

#### 8.6 Best in-store/retail experience

In-store and retail location activities including product launches/activations, demonstrations, sampling activities, pop-ups and in-store promotions or competitions that drive shopper engagement.

#### 8.7 **Self-promotion**

Any type of media format produced by entrant agencies to promote itself, its expertise, philosophy and services.

#### 8.8 Best small-scale brand experience & activation campaign

Big ideas, smartly executed despite its small scale, to drive brand engagement. Please feature your scale with the proper context in your case study.

#### 8.9 Best brand experience & activation-led integrated campaign

A seamless series of experiences across three or more media with a promotional or activation element to drive brand affinity and sales.

#### 8.10 Best use of Cultural Insights in Brand Experience & Activation

The use of insights derived from local culture, values, beliefs and traditions to develop engaging brand experience and activation initiatives.

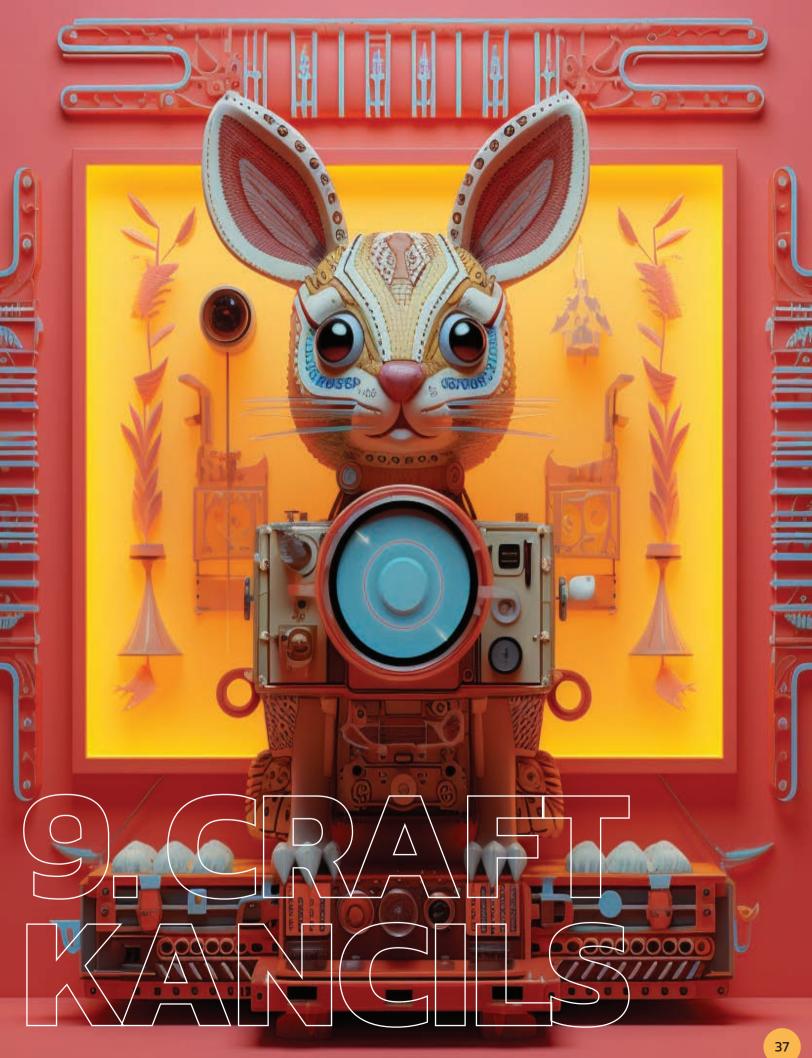
#### 8.11 Innovation in Brand Experience & Activation

An innovative breakthrough in the way we elicit immediate activation from the consumer. This includes the application of Al.

#### 8.12 Creative Effectiveness: Brand Experience & Activation

The creative use of brand experience and activation initiatives to achieve a clear goal. Entries must demonstrate verifiable results.

#### 8.13 Kancil for Good: Brand Experience & Activation



### 9.CRAFT KANCILS

A celebration of the masterful creative skill, talent and artistry that goes into bringing an idea to life. All subcategories are open to both commercial and non-profit work. Do note however that entries in Craft Kancils will not be eligible for the Golden Kancil award.

### Film & Audio Craft

- 9.1a Film Direction: Single (overall artistic direction; how production design, casting, cinematography, editing come together to tell a story)
- 9.1b Film Direction: Campaign
- 9.2a Cinematography: Single
- 9.2b Cinematography: Campaign
- 9.3a Production Design/Art Direction: Single
- 9.3b Production Design/Art Direction: Campaign
- 9.4a Film Editing: Single
- 9.4b Film Editing: Campaign
- 9.5a Visual Effects: Single (in-camera or digital)
- 9.5b Visual Effects: Campaign (in-camera or digital)
- 9.6a Animation: Single
- 9.6b Animation: Campaign
- 9.7 Interactivity in Storytelling (the use of interactivity to make storytelling more personal and immersive)
- 9.8 Mixed Reality Storytelling (e.g., 360° VR, AR, AI mixed reality)
- 9.9 Music in Film Content
- 9.10 Sound Design in Film Content
- 9.11 Music in Audio Media (including digital audio platforms)
- 9.12 Sound Design in Audio Media (including digital audio platforms)

### **Visual Aesthetics**

- 9.13a Art Direction: Single (aesthetics on packaging, graphics, print & publishing, outdoor and digital)
- 9.13b Art Direction: Campaign
- 9.14a Typography: Single
- 9.14b Typography: Campaign
- 9.15a Illustration: Single
- 9.15b Illustration: Campaign
- 9.16a Advertising Photography: Single
- 9.16b Advertising Photography: Campaign

### Digital Craft (Judged as a whole; no separate single entries)

- 9.17 User Interface & Digital Visual Design (includes UI and aesthetic design across web, mobile and wearable applications)
- 9.18 User Experience & Journey Design (the creation of a seamless, consistent, usable digital user experience to elicit an emotional or behavioural response)
- 9.19 Interaction & Digital Motion Design (includes the use of interaction & animation, motion graphics, use of AI, moving image & video on digital platforms)
- 9.20 Music & Sound Design on Digital Experiences (please submit in 9.8/9.9 for music & sound design in film content, and 9.10/9.11 for music & sound design on audio platforms including Spotify)

### Copywriting

- 9.21a English Copywriting, Content Writing & Scriptwriting: Single
- 9.21b English Copywriting: Campaign
- 9.22a BM Copywriting, Content Writing & Scriptwriting: Single
- 9.22b BM Copywriting: Campaign
- 9.23a Chinese Copywriting, Content Writing & Scriptwriting: Single
- 9.23b Chinese Copywriting, Content Writing & Scriptwriting: Campaign
- 9.24a Tamil Copywriting, Content Writing & Scriptwriting: Single
- 9.24b Tamil Copywriting, Content Writing & Scriptwriting: Campaign

## 10. SPECIAL AWARDS

These special awards recognise the very best of work, brands, agencies and talent in our industry. For more information on these special awards and how they're awarded, do head to the SPECIAL AWARDS section of this Entry Kit.

- 10.1 Culture Kancils
- 10.2 Creative Effectiveness Kancils
- **10.3 Innovation Kancils**
- 10.4 Kancil for Good
- 10.5 The SickSix: Young Directors' Challenge\*
- 10.6 Student Kancil\*
- 10.7 Young Kancil\*
- 10.8 Golden Kancil
- 10.9 Production House of the Year
- 10.10 Advertiser of the Year
- 10.11 Agency of the Year

\*Rules and deadlines will be communicated separately.

# GENERAL MATERIAL SUBMISSION : REQUIREMENTS

To ensure the judging process runs smoothly, please follow these requirements, ok?

- Please submit your videos (e.g., case films, full films, user journey walkthrough videos) in MP4 format online. Please name the MP4 files according your entry name in this format: 'Entry name.mp4'. Avoid special symbols in your file name. File size should not exceed 100MB.
- Please submit your images (e.g., presentation boards, supporting images) in JPEG format online. Please name the JPEG files according to your entry name in this format: 'Entry name.jpeg'. Avoid special symbols in your file name. File size should not exceed 5MB.
- No "replacement materials" as well as "holding" or "temporary" (fake/incorrect) media. Please make sure the version that you have uploaded is final and can be used for judging and shown publicly.

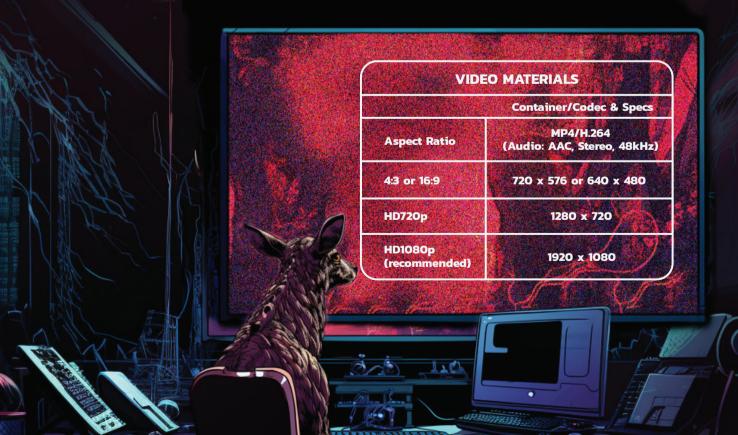


### FILM MATERIALS — TVC, VIRAL, BRANDED CONTENT, CRAFT, CASE STUDY

- Film entries must be submitted as they originally aired and in the original language.
   For non-English language entries, you are required to subtitle entries in English.
- It is highly recommended that you submit case study videos to support your entries. These films will be used during the jury deliberations along with your written submission. We recommend you tailor your case film to the subcategory you're entering.
- The case film can only be up to 2 minutes long.
- In addition, we recommend that you provide a 30-second version for use during the award ceremony should your entry win.
- All films should have 1/2 second black before and after the entry. No slates, clocks or freezes, as well as agency branding can be included in your film.

- Film Materials must strictly be in the following format:
  - Only in MP4, submitted via the Kancil Awards entry site.
  - > File size should not exceed 100MB.
  - Please name all film material with the title of the entry. Please name the files according to your entry name in this format: 'EntryName.mp4'
  - > Please do not use any special symbols in file name.
  - Encoding Standards: We strongly advise that you submit your case film in 16:9 format.
  - > DO NOT send your Case Film as a URL
  - Please follow the following formatting guidelines for all video and film materials:

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# PRINT MATERIALS— PRESS, POSTER, DESIGN, CRAFT, DIGITAL/MOBILE PRESENTATION BOARD

- Images must strictly be in the following format:
  - > JPEG, 300 dpi, RGB.
  - > The longest size must be no longer than 420mm.
  - > Digital images must be uploaded online (max 5MB).
  - Please name all images with the title of the entry. Please tag the images according to your entry name in this format 'EntryName.jpeg'
- Please send in just ONE mounted proof:
  - Not larger than 60cm x 40cm (A2) including the mount.
     Oversized boards are not encouraged.
  - It should be mounted on a lightweight card with the print label pasted on the top right corner on the front of your print materials. Printed labels are available on the submission site.
  - If you have an accompanying case study film, please ensure that both materials (print material and case study film) have the same name, i.e. 'EntryName.jpeg' and 'EntryName.mp4'.
- Individual entries in a campaign should be mounted on separate boards and taped together concertina-like and numbered in sequence. e.g. 1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc.

## • DIGITAL/MOBILE MATERIALS



- For all Digital/Mobile entries, entrants MUST supply a URL link for the judges to review the entry. It can be a direct link to the app's page on the Apple App Store, Google Play Store, or other store, as well as the main desktop or mobile site, or a case website specifically set up for the entry.
- Physical boards of visual driven ideas and categories are highly encouraged to be submitted for judging. Likewise with prototypes.
- In the event the URL link is too long, we recommend you shorten the URL of your entry using any online URL shortening tool.
- For Android-OS based mobile entries,
   APK files will NOT be entertained due to
   security reasons. Please submit a Google Play
   Store link instead.
- You should submit your supporting case film in MP4 format when you submit your entry.
   You may also support your entries with video walkthroughs of the user experience.
   Please see the guidelines on Film Materials for further info on film submission details.
- We highly recommend that you supply a
  presentation board in JPEG format.
   Please see the guidelines on Images for
  further info on presentation board
  submission details.

# AUDIO MATERIALS - . . . . . INCLUDING AUDIO CRAFT .

- Audio media entries must be submitted as they were originally aired and in the original language.
- BM and Vernacular entries will be judged alongside the English entries.
   Please provide the necessary translations, as some judges may not understand BM or other Vernacular languages.
- For audio media entries, please submit your entry in MP4 format only with accompanying supers as well as translations if applicable.
- Name your submission according to your entry name in this format: EntryName.mp4'.



# DELIVERY / PAYMENT

You've worked hard on your campaign. Spent late nights perfecting your submission. The last thing you want to happen is to submit the wrong materials. Please double check your entries. The 4As cannot accept responsibility for damaged or missing entries.

### Entries submitted by 5pm, 6 October 2023 will cost:

- > Single entry:
  - a. 4As Member: RM400 per entry b. Non-4As Member: RM600 per entry
- > Campaign entry:
  - a. 4As Member: RM900 per entry b. Non-4As Member: RM1500 per entry

#### Entries submitted by 5pm, 20 October 2023 will cost:

- > Single entry:
  - a. 4As Member: RM600 per entry b. Non-4As Member: RM900 per entry
- > Campaign entry:
  - a. 4As Member: RM1350 per entry b. Non-4As Member: RM2250 per entry

### Payment can be made via cheque or via online payment.

#### **For Cheques:**

- > All cheques must be crossed 'A/C Payee Only' and be made payable to: The Association Of Accredited Advertising Agents Malaysia.
- Please ensure that the amount written on the cheque covers all entries submitted. The agency's name, address, and telephone number should also be written on the outside of the envelope.

#### For online payment:

Online payment can be made to:

Account Name : The Association Of Accredited Advertising Agents Malaysia

Bank Name : United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Bhd.

Account Number : 260-302-993-5

Please deliver to : Kandesh

4As Malaysia Secretariat Level 7, Unit 023, 129 Offices,

Block J, Jaya One,

72A, Jalan Profesor Diraja Ungku Aziz,

46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Tel: 03 76131510

Email: kandesh@macomm.com.my

- > Master Entry List generated by the entry submission site.
- Proof of full payment. For interim payment, only a Purchase Order is accepted. Payment terms is seven (7) days from the date of our quotation. Non-negotiable.
- 4As Members must have settled their respective membership subscriptions as of 2023 to enjoy 4As Member entry fees.
- Pack your entries in a stout case. The 4As cannot accept responsibility for damaged or missing entries. All entries submitted are non-returnable.

### **CHECKLIST**

- Ensure your agency details are complete and correct.
- Ensure that all credits are complete and correct.
- Please correctly credit the companies in the Idea Creator and Production Company roles.
- Ensure all requirements on technical and sub mission formats are correct for JPEG & MP4 files. All JPEG & MP4 files are to be submitted online via the Kancil Awards submission site.
- All entries must include ECD or Head of Creative, as well as authorised client details (name, designation and contact details).
- Ensure that the Submission ID number is stored for future reference.
- Ensure that the correct payment amount that covers all entries submitted is written on the cheque, or when making online payment.
- Please e-mail us the Master Entry List together with proof of payment.

