



**MAJLIS BAHASA MELAYU SINGAPURA** (*Malay Language Council, Singapore*)

Anugerah Persuratan 2020 Committee

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# Media Factsheet

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## **ANUGERAH PERSURATAN 2020** **(MALAY LITERARY AWARD 2020)**

### **Anugerah Persuratan 2020**

The Malay Language Council, Singapore (MLCS) will hold its biennial Anugerah Persuratan (Malay Literary Award) in 2020. First organised in 1993, this is an ongoing effort to recognise outstanding local writers for their contributions to the Malay language literary writing and to encourage the publications of quality literary works.

In an effort to create a vibrant literary scene, a greater range of quality reading materials and content must be made accessible to the reading public. Thus, Anugerah Persuratan 2020 will be streamlined to focus on books by writers and publishers to ensure that literature continues to develop and can be enjoyed by larger reading community. Literary books will allow for the works to be accessible through the library and book-selling platforms. This also makes it accessible for purposes of research, academia, education at institutes of higher learning and internationally. As such, the award categories will also be streamlined to 6 prizes to focus on published books.

The Anugerah Persuratan (AP) Committee 2020 is chaired by Dr Azhar Ibrahim, Lecturer, Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore.

The call for submission of entries is from 17 September until 12 November 2020.

### **Award Categories**

Four awards will be conferred at AP2020:

- Hadiah Persuratan (Literary Awards for six categories)
- Anugerah Tun Seri Lanang (Tun Seri Lanang Award)
- Anumerta Tun Seri Lanang (Tun Seri Lanang Posthumous Award)
- Anugerah Harapan (Promising Award)

Please refer to **Annex** for details.



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## **Evaluation Process**

Original Malay language literary works submitted must be written by Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents. These works must have been published in **2017, 2018 or 2019**, in Singapore or overseas complete with ISBN number.

A separate panel of judges will be formed to evaluate all entries and to select recipients for the Tun Seri Lanang Award, Tun Seri Lanang Posthumous Award and Promising Award respectively. The AP Committee 2020 reserves the right to review, add or reject entries and/or nominations. Decision made by the judging panel is final.

## **Submission of Entries for Hadiah Persuratan**

Online submission of entries can be made by writers and publishers by **Thursday, 12 November 2020, 6pm**. Literary works must be published in **2017, 2018 or 2019**. The online submission form for Hadiah Persuratan (Literary Awards) can be found [here](#).

## **Nominations for Anugerah Tun Seri Lanang, Anumerta Tun Seri Lanang and Anugerah Harapan**

AP2020 welcomes nominations for these three awards. All nominations must be submitted by **Thursday, 12 November 2020, 6pm**. The online nomination form for Tun Seri Lanang Award, Tun Seri Lanang Posthumous Award and Promising Award can be found [here](#).

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## ANNEX

### About Anugerah Persuratan 2020

#### Hadiah Persuratan (Literary Awards)

One Literary Award will be conferred for each of the following categories:

Category
Short story
Literature Essay
Novel
Poetry
Children's Literature
Theatre (for Stage)

Single works will no longer be accepted or assessed.

#### Anugerah Tun Seri Lanang (Tun Seri Lanang Award) / Anumerta Tun Seri Lanang (Tun Seri Lanang Posthumous Award)\*

Nominees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- i) outstanding qualities as a local language and literary activist;
- ii) excellent contributions to both local and international literary scene;
- iii) ability to lead / have led and shaped collective thinking towards nation-building, through writings (creative and non-creative works); and
- iv) exemplary dedication to the pursuit of knowledge to hone the writing craft

\* Nominees who fulfilled the above criteria in his/her lifetime.

A \$5,000 grant will be awarded for research works on the award recipient(s).

#### Anugerah Harapan (Promising Award)

Nominees must be below 40 years of age, and display potential in the field of literary writing.

Nominees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- i) active involvement in literary activities to promote writings for eg short story, poetry, novel, drama, non-fiction works;
- ii) conducts literary sharing sessions to students and youth; and
- iii) produces quality works that can add value to both creative and non-creative writing, in printed or electronic form, to shape collective thinking towards nation- building.