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MALAYSIA WATER INDUSTRY AWARD 2026

(A joint collaboration between MWA & PAAB)

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the development of water and sewerage infrastructure in Malaysia. It honours construction companies that have:

- Played a pivotal role in advancing the nation's water and sewerage industry,
- Expanded access to clean water supply and effective sewerage services, particularly in rural communities, and
- Pioneered the adoption of state-of-the-art technologies in the design and construction of water and wastewater assets.

A. AWARD CATEGORIES

1. BEST PROJECT (WATER)

A) NEW PROJECT

- **Eligible Entities:**
Main Contractor, or Design Consultant (single-party submission)
- **Completion Period:**
Certificate of Making Good Defects (CMGD) issued between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025
- **Project Scope (any of the following):**
 - New water treatment plant with capacity ≥ 10 MLD
 - New pipeline works
 - New reservoir construction

B) REHABILITATION PROJECT

- **Eligible Entities:**
Main Contractor, or Design Consultant (single-party submission)
- **Completion Period:**
Certificate of Making Good Defects (CMGD) issued between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025
- **Project Scope (any of the following):**
 - Water treatment plant rehabilitation with capacity ≥ 5 MLD
 - Pipeline rehabilitation works



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C) RURAL PROJECT

- **Eligible Entities:**

Main Contractor, or Design Consultant (single-party submission)

- **Jurisdiction:**

Projects implemented under the following agencies:

- KKDW (Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah)
- JBALB Sarawak (Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar Sarawak)
- KPLB Sabah (Kementerian Pembangunan Luar Bandar Sabah)
- Other related agencies

- **Completion Period:**

Certificate of Making Good Defects (CMGD) issued between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025

- **Project Scope:**

- Any water-related project

2. BEST PROJECT (SEWERAGE)

A) NEW PROJECT

- **Eligible Entities:**

Main Contractor, or Design Consultant (single-party submission)

- **Completion Period:**

Certificate of Making Good Defects (CMGD) issued between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025

- **Project Scope (any of the following):**

- New sewerage treatment plant construction
- New sewerage network development

B) REHABILITATION PROJECT

- **Eligible Entities:**

Main Contractor, or Design Consultant (single-party submission)

- **Completion Period:**

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- **Project Scope (any of the following):**

- Sewerage treatment plant rehabilitation
- Sewerage network rehabilitation



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3. MOST INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS (WATER & SEWERAGE) – MADE IN MALAYSIA

- **Eligible Entities:**

Consultants, Contractors, Technology Providers, Startups, Research Institutions, Academic Institutions, and Implementing Agencies.

- **Requirement:**

Project implemented and completed between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025

- **Key Criteria:**

- Contribution to sustainability, environmental performance, or Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Proven application in the industry
- Demonstrated operational efficiency

4. MOST INNOVATIVE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (WATER OR SEWERAGE) – MALAYSIA

- **Eligible Entities:**

Researchers, Innovators, Academic Institutions, Research Organisations, Industry R&D Teams, and Implementing Agencies.

- **Requirement:**

Proven at laboratory or pilot scale, and ready for industry adoption

- **Supporting Evidence (at least one of the following):**

- Publication in a recognised peer-reviewed journal
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with industry
- Patent or copyright

B. ELIGIBILITY & SUBMISSION

1. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- All submissions must be made via the **Online Submission Form: [\[Click Here\]](#)**
- Organisations registered in Malaysia and majority-owned by Malaysian citizens are eligible.
- The project or solution must be implemented within Malaysia
- The project must have a **Certificate of Making Good Defects (CMGD)** issued between **1 January 2023** and **31 December 2025** (for Award Categories 1 and 2)
- **Project solutions** must be **implemented** and **completed** between **1 January 2023** and **31 December 2025** (for Award Category 3)
- Multiple submissions are permitted, provided they are for different categories or projects



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2. SUBMISSION RULES

- **Each project** may be submitted under **one category only**
- Submission must include all required supporting documents and evidence, to be uploaded via the designated submission platform or link provided.
- No seconder is required for submission

3. SUBMISSION PROCESS

- All submissions must be completed via the official **Online Submission Form: [\[Click Here\]](#)**
- Applicants are required to:
 - Complete all required fields in the Microsoft Form
 - All supporting documents shall be uploaded via the designated upload link embedded within the submission form.
 - Ensure all information is complete before submission
- **Note:**
 - Only submissions made through the Microsoft Form will be accepted
 - No manual or email submissions will be entertained

C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- All submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - **Project Delivery:** Performance in terms of time and cost efficiency
 - **Quality & Performance:** Reliability and quality of outputs delivered
 - **Technical Excellence:** Level of engineering complexity and execution quality
 - **Sustainability Impact:** Contribution to environmental sustainability and ESG outcomes
 - **Value Creation:** Long-term benefits and overall cost efficiency
 - **Innovation:** Adoption of new technologies or innovative approaches



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D. KEY TIMELINE

- **30 June 2026 – Award Call Announcement**
Official announcement of MWIA 2026, including award categories and eligibility criteria
- **3 July 2026 – Submission Opens**
Opening of the online submission portal (from 12:00 AM)
- **7 August 2026 – Submission Deadline**
All submissions must be completed via the award portal (closing at 11:59 PM; strict deadline)
- **11 August 2026 – 30 August 2026 – Evaluation Period**
Assessment by the judging panel, including site visits for shortlisted entries, where required
- **11 September 2026 – Announcement of Winners**
Finalists and winners will be officially notified
- **22 September 2026 – MWIA Awards Ceremony**
Gala night and official presentation of awards

E. THE AWARD

- The Award is in the form of a specially designed Trophy / Plaque and a certificate
- The Award will be presented to the winners during the MWA's Annual Dinner and Award Night on **22 September 2026**.
- Award winners are required to purchase a Platinum or Gold Category dinner table

F. DISCLAIMER

- The Online Submission Form serves as the official and complete submission platform.
- In case of any discrepancy, the information required in the Form shall prevail.
- Entries must be submitted online latest by **7 August 2026 – 23.59 (GMT+8)**. There will be no extensions granted under any circumstances.
- Award entries, including all submission materials, should preferably be submitted in English. Submissions in Bahasa Malaysia will also be accepted.
- The organisers reserve the right to use of photos, videos, synopsis, and write-ups which participant have provided in the online awards submission system for the purpose of the promotion of MWA and publicity of participant innovation and participation.
- The decisions of the judges are final. Any complain will not be entertained.

For inquiry and submissions please email to mwia@mwa.org.my (Attention to secretariat).



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G. INFORMATION & DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Applicants are advised to prepare the following before starting their submission:
 - Project / Solution details (description, scope, stakeholders)
 - Responses to evaluation criteria (e.g. delivery, technical excellence, sustainability, innovation)
 - Supporting documents (e.g. drawings, reports, photos, CMGD, publications)
 - File naming (as per submission instructions in the form)
- Preparing these in advance will help ensure a smooth submission process.