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Language and Literature Festival 2026

1. The Language and Literature Festival 2026 is organised by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Sarawak Branch, and co-organised by The Sarawak United Association of Private Chinese Secondary School Management Board. The festival aims to enhance Malay language proficiency and literary appreciation among students of Sarawak independent Chinese secondary schools (ICSSs) through a series of language and literature activities.

   It will be held from 13 to 16 July 2026 (Monday to Thursday) at the RH Hall, Level 8, Wisma Huawen Du Zhong.

2. As Malaysia's national language, Bahasa Melayu is an important tool for communication and unity among different ethnic groups. Sarawak ICSSs have long adopted a trilingual education policy, focusing on Chinese, Malay, and English to develop well-rounded students.

   Strong mastery of the national language helps students understand national systems, strengthen civic awareness, participate in society, and improve further study and career opportunities.

3. Since 1992, the Association and DBP Sarawak have worked together to promote Malay language learning in ICSSs, marking 35 years of cooperation. Earlier efforts focused on the Student Forum Competition to improve speaking and thinking skills.

   In recent years, this cooperation has expanded to include programmes such as the *Hi, Editor* Writing Programme, which encourages students to write for newspapers and improve their writing skills. These initiatives provide platforms for students to learn, practise, and use Malay confidently.

4. The Language and Literature Festival 2026 features three main competitions: Poetry Recitation, Patriotic Song, and Student Forum & Short Video Competition. Two supporting programmes will also be held: the *Hi, Editor* Writing Programme and the Student Forum Enhancement Workshop.

   These activities aim to improve students' writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills in Malay. The full schedule of events is as follows:

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Event	Date	Time
Poetry Recitation Competition	13 July 2026 (Monday)	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Patriotic Song Competition		3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Hi, Editor	14 July 2026 (Tuesday)	8:30 am - 10:30 am
Student Forum Enhancement Workshop		11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Student Forum and Short Video Competition	15 July 2026 (Wednesday)	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closing Ceremony	16 July 2026 (Thursday)	8:00 am - 1:00 pm

5. The Poetry Recitation and Patriotic Song Competitions will have online preliminary rounds conducted by DBP Sarawak. The top 10 participants in each category will advance to the on-site finals. Preliminary results were announced on 30 June 2026.

The Top 10 Finalists for the Poetry Recitation Competition are as follows:

No.	Name	School
1	Yap Yi Sen	Chung Hua Middle School No. 1, Kuching
2	Lynn Gwen Wong	Mit Lit Secondary School, Batu Kawa
3	Emelda Chang Ai Ni	
4	Lau Ting Yuan	Catholic High School, Sibu
5	Samuel Ting Hao Yu	Wong Nai Siong Secondary School, Sibu
6	Evelyn Moh Xiao Qin	Kai Dee Middle School, Bintulu
7	Valiant Tan Zhu Ling	
8	Oscar Leong Khing	
9	Felice Chong Jia Ying	Riam Road Secondary School, Miri
10	Oscar Ong Kang Heng	

The Top 10 Finalists for the Patriotic Song Competitions are as follows:

No.	Name	School
1	Silvia Sim	Chung Hua Middle School No. 1, Kuching
2	Ginger Phang Jing Han	
3	Chiang Yin Han	
4	Paul Wong Sing Tong	Catholic High School, Sibu
5	Tricia Ting Zhi Ning	
6	Tiong Zhi Yuan	Wong Nai Siong Secondary School, Sibu
7	Jayden Yong Kian Yu	Pei Min Middle School, Miri
8	Anson Wee Yii Kang	
9	Tiffany Mai Anak Janting	Riam Road Secondary School, Miri
10	Raeka Selvam	

6. This year, the small school category of the Student Forum Competition will continue to be sponsored by the Association. The prize amounts remain the same:
Champion: RM500; Runner-up: RM375; Third Place: RM250.

7. The closing ceremony will be held on 16 July 2026, 8:00 am at the RH Hall, Level 8, Wisma Huawen Du Zhong. The guest of honour is Deputy Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Amar Dr. Sim Kui Hian.

8. The champion of the Student Forum Competition will represent Sarawak at the National Finals on 22 September 2026 in Kuching.

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