



MALAYSIAN JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION

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WELCOME NOTE

Today, you are part of history. The first-ever national jigsaw puzzle competition in Malaysia and you're right in the middle of it.

We know our community has been waiting for this moment for a long time. Many of you have been puzzling quietly at home, with friends, or in cafés. Now, we're together in one place, sharing the same excitement, challenges, and joy.

This event is for everyone. Whether you're 12 or 70, a solo challenger or part of a team, serious puzzler or a casual one, you belong here. We strive to be inclusive to all our participants, and to provide a great puzzling experience for all of you.

So, let's make this day full of cheers, laughter, and new friendships. When you look back, we hope you'll remember not just the puzzle you solved, but the community you helped build.

With gratitude,
Malaysian Jigsaw Puzzle Federation



ABOUT * THE COMPETITION



The Malaysian Jigsaw Puzzle Competition 2025 is the first national-level puzzle event in our country, officially recognised by the **World Jigsaw Puzzle Federation**.

This is where puzzle lovers from different states, backgrounds, and skill levels gather to celebrate a shared passion. For some, this is their first-ever competition. For others, it's the moment they've been waiting for years.

We're here to build a community that's welcoming, inclusive, and exciting. And this is just the first piece.

A SPECIAL COLLABORATION

Our Friends in Australia

Since March 2025, we've been working closely with the **Australian Jigsaw Puzzle Federation (AJPF)**. Their president, **Louise Jackett**, and her team have been incredibly generous, answering every question we had about running a puzzling competition (and there were a lot!), sharing their experience, and cheering us on.

In June, we travelled to Perth to observe the **Western Australia (WA) State Jigsaw Puzzle Competition**. What amazed us wasn't just how well-organised the event was, but how much heart they put into it. Every single member is a volunteer people with full-time jobs, but also full-time passion for puzzles.

At the event, we saw something magical. Strangers becoming friends in just a few hours. No one cared about age, background, or titles they were united by the joy of puzzling. That's the spirit we want for the Malaysian jigsaw puzzle community.

They've shown us what's possible when you nurture a community with care. And now, with their guidance, we're bringing that same high standard to Malaysia adapted to our own culture and spirit.



About **MALAYSIAN** Jigsaw Puzzle Association



The Malaysian Jigsaw Puzzle Association (MJPA) was founded with one goal to give puzzle lovers in Malaysia a real platform to connect, compete, and grow together.

Our directors already had experience running national academic competitions like **Kangaroo Math**, **Kancil Science**, and the **National Science Olympiads**. But they realised something was missing, there was no official federation or competition for jigsaw puzzles in Malaysia.

So here we are. Building the foundation, piece by piece, for a community that will only get stronger. This association exists to serve you the puzzlers, the families, the fans. And we're proud to say, today is only the beginning.



Solo or Squad?



What's Your Style?

Individual Category

👤 1 person

📏 Age 12 and above

🧩 378 pieces puzzle

⌚ 1 hour 45 minutes

Family Category

👥 2-4 members

📏 No age limit,
(mixed generation)

🧩 504 pieces puzzle

⌚ 2 hours 30 minutes



Participants for the family category under the age of 12 are allowed as long as they are competing with at least one teammate over 12.

Bigger Challenge, Bigger Rewards!

Individual Category



Bigger Challenge, Bigger Rewards!

Team Category

1st
place

RM1000
Cash & Iconic
Trophy

2nd
place

RM700
Cash

3rd
place

RM500
Cash

4-5th
place

Cash
RM300

6-10th
place

Cash
RM200



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MALAYSIAN JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION

Time	Activity
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Doors Open & Check-In
10:00 AM – 10:20 AM	Opening Remarks & Competition Briefing
10:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Individual Competition
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	Judging & Verification
12:45 PM – 1:15 PM	Individual Prize Presentation



Time	Activity
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Check-In for Family Teams
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Opening Remarks & Competition Briefing
2:45 PM – 5:15 PM	Family Competition
5:15 PM – 5:45 PM	Judging & Verification
5:45 PM – 6:15 PM	Family Prize Presentation

Rules & Regulations

General Conduct & Competition Etiquette

1 Arrival Time

- Participants must arrive **at least 30 minutes before** the scheduled start time.
- If a participant arrives after the competition starts, their **timer will continue to run as normal.**

2 Puzzle Sealing

- Puzzle boxes must remain **sealed and unopened** until the official start signal is given.
- Any participant who opens their box prematurely may be disqualified.

3 Competition Etiquette

- DO NOT interfere with other contestants or their puzzle area.
- If you are sharing a table, please be respectful and stay within your space.
- You may **stand or move** around your own table, but do not enter surrounding puzzle zones.
- Puzzle box lids may be placed in the middle of shared tables.

4 Movement & Breaks

- You may eat, drink, or go to the toilet, but the **competition timer will not stop.**
- Only **light snacks such as bread** are allowed at the table.

5 Allowed Tools

Participants may bring accessories such as:

- Sorting trays
- Headphones (no phone calls allowed)
- Magnifying glasses
- Spatulas

The Following are NOT allowed

- Headlights or torches
- Adjustable/tilting puzzle boards
- External printed references
- Extra lighting or electronic tools

During Competition



6 Start Signal

- The puzzle may only be opened and started after the official signal is given.



7 Dropped Pieces

- Any pieces dropped on the ground will be left **in the exact position** they fall.
- Judges will place a **colored post-it note** underneath for visibility, but will not return the piece to you.

8 Declaring Completion

- When finished, competitors must **announce loudly** to get the judge's attention.
- Once declared, competitors must **remove their hands from the puzzle** and await verification.

9 Completion Area

- After completing the puzzle, competitors must **leave the competition area within 5 minutes**.
- Participants must **remain quiet** and respect others still competing.



End of Competition



10 Time Limit

- When the division's time limit is reached, **all puzzling must stop immediately.**
- Judges will begin their assessment based on the current state of the puzzle.

11 Puzzle Verification

- Judges will count all **remaining pieces** and determine the number of correctly joined pieces.
- Only groups of 3 or more connected pieces are counted as valid progress.

12 Missing Pieces

- A **30-second penalty** will be applied **per missing piece** upon declaration of completion.
- If **two or more adjacent pieces** are missing, it is considered a **manufacturing defect** and no **penalty** is applied.

13 Incorrect Pieces

- A **5-minute penalty** will be applied for every **2 pieces that are placed incorrectly** after verification.

14 Ranking Method

Rankings are based on:

- Puzzle completion status
- Total penalties (if any)
- Number of correctly connected pieces if incomplete
- Judges' decisions are **final.**

15 Post-Competition Duties

- All participants must **assist in organizing leftover pieces** into piles of 10 for ease of judging.

Sponsor Feature: Puzzle Planet

When we first dreamed about hosting Malaysia's first national jigsaw puzzle competition, we knew it would take more than just passion, it would take the right partners who believed in our vision as much as we did. That's when Puzzle Planet came into the picture.

From the very first conversation, they didn't just agree to support us but they committed themselves to making this event a reality. They brought in ideas, resources, and, most importantly, their trust in our mission to grow the puzzle community in Malaysia.

By standing with us from the beginning, Puzzle Planet has made it possible for players from all walks of life to come together today.

From all of us at the Malaysian Jigsaw Puzzle Competition:
Thank you, Puzzle Planet. Your support is the glue that holds this dream together.



Meet the Illustrators

The puzzles you're solving today were specially created by two talented illustrators:

@munhya

An artist known for gentle, textured illustrations and storytelling through everyday village scenes. Her artwork gives a glimpse into her unique artistic approach, soft palettes, meaningful details, and an emphasis on human connection.

For the Solo Category puzzle, she has designed a patriotic-themed famous landmark scene that reflects the unity and spirit of Malaysia's Independence Month. It's a heartfelt tribute to shared traditions, with each puzzle piece revealing a slice of cultural pride.

@bon_lettre

An artist known for warm, nostalgic illustrations that beautifully capture Malaysian culture and everyday life. Her style is instantly recognisable, filled with vibrant scenes, expressive characters, and a deep sense of togetherness.

For the Team/Family Category puzzle in this competition, she has created a design with the theme Kampung Vibes to celebrate the warmth of village life during Malaysia's Independence Month. Expect joyful interactions, familiar traditions, and details that honour our heritage while bringing smiles to every solver.



Merchandise

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Mug

RM 15.00



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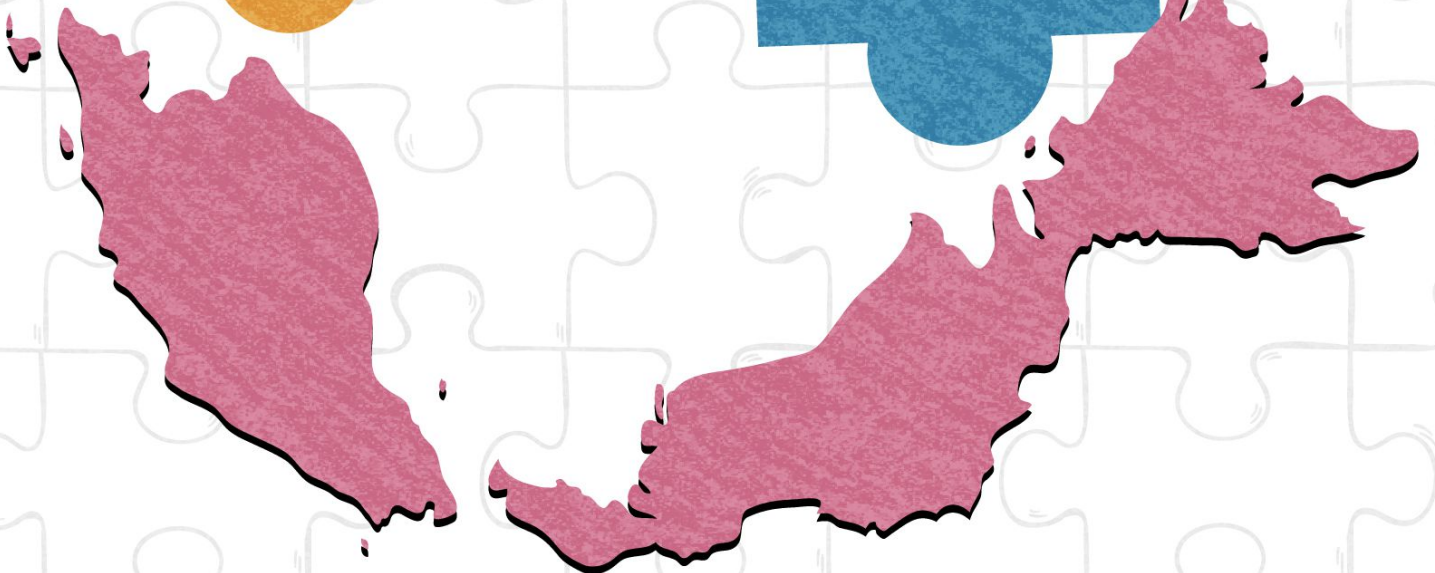
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chapter in Malaysia's
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behind the scenes.

The World Jigsaw
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welcoming Malaysia
into the global puzzle
family.





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