

## **Frequently Asked Questions: The Blue-White Dot Short Story Competition**

### **Q: What happens now that my story has been selected?**

A: Congratulations on your achievement! You can look forward to attending a prize-giving ceremony and having your story published in an anthology. We will keep you updated about the details of the ceremony and the anthology in due course.

### **Q: When will the anthology be published?**

A: The anthology is expected to be published later in the year. It will be available for purchase nationwide and worldwide, in print and digital format. We will keep you informed of any updates.

### **Q: Will I receive free copies of the anthology?**

A: Of course! All writers of winning and selected stories will receive five copies of the anthology for free.

### **Q: My family and friends are interested to purchase the anthology. How can they purchase it?**

A: Once published, the anthology will be available for purchase from major online retailers nationwide and worldwide. In Malaysia, the anthology will also be available in bookstores such as Kinokuniya, MPH and Gerakbudaya.

### **Q: How much will the anthology cost?**

A: The price of the anthology will be announced in due course. However, it will be priced competitively to make it accessible to a wide range of readers.

### **Q: Will the anthology be available in digital format?**

A: Yes, the digital format will be available for purchase on major e-book platforms such as Amazon, Google Play and Kobo.

### **Q: Can I make changes to my story before publication?**

A: If you wish to make minor edits to your story, kindly let us know via email ([sup@sunway.edu.my](mailto:sup@sunway.edu.my)). We reserve the right to accept or not accept the changes requested, and discourage you from making changes that are too significant. We also reserve the right to edit your story further, if needed, for publication.

**Q: Will I retain the copyright to my story if it is selected for publication?**

A: Yes, the copyright to the story remains with you. However, by agreeing to publish the story with us, you will grant us an exclusive licence for us to print, publish, republish, sell, distribute, advertise and promote the story as part of the anthology.

**Q: What if I do not want my selected story to be published in the anthology?**

A: Not a problem! Please let us know as soon as possible via email ([sup@sunway.edu.my](mailto:sup@sunway.edu.my)) if you wish to withdraw your selected story from publication. The withdrawal also means you will no longer be entitled to an advance royalty.

**Q: Will I receive any royalties from the sale of the anthology?**

A: Of course! You will receive royalties from the sale of the anthology, if any. Winners of the best three stories will receive advance royalties of RM1,000, RM750, and RM500, respectively; while others whose stories are selected will receive an advance royalty of RM200 each.

**Q: What is an advance royalty?**

A: An advance royalty is an upfront payment you will receive before the publication and sale of the anthology. It is an advance against future royalties you will earn from the sale of the publication, which means the advance will be deducted from any future royalty earnings you make.

**Q: How will I receive my royalties?**

A: Royalties will be paid to you via bank transfer. We will confirm the payment details with you closer to the release date of the anthology.

**Q: Will I receive a certificate of participation?**

A: Yes, all participants of the competition will receive a certificate of participation via email.

**Q: Will there be a prize-giving ceremony for winners and selected writers?**

A: Yes, we will hold a special prize-giving ceremony later in the year to celebrate your achievement! We will announce the exact date and venue for the ceremony in due course.

**Q: Will travel and accommodation expenses be covered for the prize-giving ceremony?**

A: No, unfortunately we are not able to cover any travel and accommodation expenses.

**Q: What should I wear to the prize-giving ceremony?**

A: The dress code for the ceremony will be announced in due course.

**Q: Can I bring guests to the prize-giving ceremony?**

A: Of course! We encourage you to bring all your family members and friends along for the ceremony. We will release the details of the prize-giving ceremony as soon as they are ready.