



PRESS STATEMENT

NATIONAL FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MALAYSIA (FINAS)

FINAS CALLS FOR ASPIRING LOCAL FILMMAKERS TO JOIN THE MALAYSIAN DEVELOPMENT LAB FOR FICTION FEATURE FILMS (mylab), AN INCUBATOR PROGRAM FOR SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia March 30th, 2022 –The National Film Development Corporation Malaysia (FINAS) is proud to announce the inaugural Malaysian Development Lab for Fiction Feature Films (mylab) from June 2022 till December 2022.

mylab is an incubator programme for Malaysian scriptwriters, directors, producers to work on developing scripts and film projects under lectures and the guidance of regional and international experts in scriptwriting, directing, producing, distribution, and markets/festivals. Projects must be at an early stage of development, with a team of scriptwriter, director and producer attached, and aimed for regional or international audiences. mylab strives for each project to deliver a package of script, budget, financing plan, dossier and pitch-ready materials at the end of the programme.

FINAS Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Dr. Md Nasir Ibrahim is exuberant in launching mylab and encouraged Malaysians to apply for the opportunity to expand not only their knowledge but also network in the international filmmaking community. “As much as it is important to produce highly-skilled film practitioners in Malaysia, FINAS is also deeply committed on getting more Malaysian content that is market ready out on the international stage.”

mylab is curated by Lorna Tee, a prolific producer and film festival veteran, and together with the team at FINAS will conduct the programme with top-notch international partners and experts. “Malaysia has many stories to tell the world and there are a lot of talented filmmakers, scriptwriters and producers to bring the stories to the big screen and many projects would benefit from a development process to fully understand the international film arena,” added Tee.

The lab will be conducted through two online sessions followed by one physical one-on-one session with selected mentors. There will be between six to eight projects to be selected. The best project from the lab will stand a chance to receive a RM20,000.00 funding towards further development of the project.

Application to join mylab begins on April 1st until April 20th, 2022. The final list of participants will be announced in May, 2022.

For more details and to apply, kindly email to mylab@finas.my

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