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**SEA GAME AWARDS 2026 SPOTLIGHTS SOUTHEAST ASIA'S GAME DEVELOPMENT
TALENT**

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 October 2026: On October 15, 2026, the SEA Game Awards returned for its ninth edition, celebrating the best independent games from Southeast Asia and the wider international video game industry.

Hosted by the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) in conjunction with LEVEL UP KL, this year's awards featured more than just the main ceremony, with exciting performances and exclusive reveals from a diverse lineup of participating developers. Together, these highlights made the event a true celebration of the region's creativity, talent, and innovation.

Metronomik's Ondeh Ondeh Kaya's Tasty Tale emerged as one of the night's biggest winners, taking home the coveted Grand Jury Award alongside Best Technology and Best Score & Music.

An overview of the 2026 SEA Game Awards winners and nominees can be found below:

Best Visual Art

- **Kidbash: Super Legend (Authentic Remixes) - WINNER**
- Voodoo Craft (InnerSight Games)
- Paper Islands (Napping Raccoon)
- Compensation Not Guaranteed (Team Project Lunch)
- Ondeh Ondeh Kaya's Tasty Tale (Metronomik)

Best Audio

- **Mission Mancala (Telkom University) - WINNER**
- Ondeh Ondeh Kaya's Tasty Tale (Metronomik)
- OPERATIVES: Revolve (ENIGMA EQUATION)
- Puni the Florist (Earthquack Games)
- Kidbash: Super Legend (Authentic Remixes)

Best Score & Music

- **Ondeh Ondeh Kaya's Tasty Tale (Metronomik) - WINNER**
- Chess Nuke (Duwit)
- AXERAS (Inverse Atelier)
- Kooeh: A Timeless Delight (Twilight Foundry Sdn Bhd)
- Abyssfall: Seekers Within (Kurechii)

Best Game Design

- **TCG Card Shop Simulator (OPNeon Games) - WINNER**
- Chess Nuke (Duwit)
- Duo Quest (1+1 Studios)
- Little Tree Kingdom (Bumi Studio)
- Voodoo Craft (InnerSight Games)

Best Technology

- **Ondeh Ondeh Kaya's Tasty Tale (Metronomik) - WINNER**
- ALTEREDBLOOD+ (TrueWorld Studios)
- Fish Can Man (Asia Pacific University)
- TypeCaster (TBA Studio)
- Tikus Tales (WilKGames)

Best Storytelling

- **Compensation Not Guaranteed (Team Project Lunch) - WINNER**
- Mission Mancala (Telkom University)
- Kooeh: A Timeless Delight (Twilight Foundry Sdn Bhd)
- Afterglow Bytes: Reverie by the Shore (Engram Interactive)
- Puni the Florist (Earthquack Games)

Best Student Game

- **Fish Can Man (Asia Pacific University) - WINNER**
- Mission Mancala (Telkom University)
- End of The Rail (University of Wollongong)

Best International Game

- **HOMURA HIME (Playism) - WINNER**
- 墨境 Realm of Ink (LEAP STUDIO)
- Princess of the Water Lilies (Red Dunes Games)
- Spook-A-Boo (Wala Interactive)

Audience Choice Award

- **Little Tree Kingdom (Bumi Studio) - WINNER**
- Puni the Florist (Earthquack Games)
- Duo Quest (1+1 Studios)
- Fish Can Man (Asia Pacific University)
- Pigs and Wolf (WakaStudio Co., Ltd.)

Rising Star Award

- **Voodoo Craft (Innersight Games) - WINNER**
- TypeCaster (TBA Studio)
- Puni the Florist (Earthquack Games)

- Afterglow Bytes: Reverie by the Shore (Engram Interactive)
- Paper Islands (Napping Raccoon)

Grand Jury Award

- **Ondeh Ondeh Kaya's Tasty Tale (Metronomik) - WINNER**
- TCG Card Shop Simulator (OP Neon Games)
- Compensation Not Guaranteed (Team Project Lunch)
- Voodoo Craft (Bumi Studio)
- Puni the Florist (Earthquack Games)

Event photos and high-resolution image files for all of the nominees can be found in our official [SEA Game Awards Press Kit](#).

Exclusive Reveals

In between the awards presentations, Southeast Asian Games Showcase and THE MAGIC RAIN treated audiences to a number of exclusive reveals and trailers, showcasing projects from developers across Southeast Asia and beyond.

Project XII (Exclusive teaser trailer)

- Developer: Albrite Studios (Malaysia)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/6PCcEwMuXow>
- Steam link: N/A
- Summary: In a distant future where intergalactic resources can no longer satiate, you are tasked to hunt down fragments of an ancient prophecy that will redeem mankind. Your search leads back to your ancestral home — Earth; the origin of Faith, now a world reborn. With orders not to reclaim, but to cleanse it from the false beliefs that have taken root, you battle evolved beings and forge fragile alliances, only to rediscover lost truths and unearth a path to ascend into something they never accounted for.

TCG Card Shop Simulator (Accolades trailer)

- Developer: OP Neon Games (Malaysia)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/7IimXYUOhDg>
- Steam link: [https://store.steampowered.com/app/3070070/TCG Card Shop Simulator/](https://store.steampowered.com/app/3070070/TCG_Card_Shop_Simulator/)
- Summary: TCG Card Shop Simulator is a trading card shop simulation game where you sell card booster packs to earn money and build the card shop of your dreams. Open your very own local game store. Stock shelves with the latest booster packs, or crack them yourself and collect and build your own collection. Set your prices, hire staff, host events, and expand your small card shop in a huge and thriving business.

Ondeh Ondeh Kaya's Tasty Tale (Exclusive teaser trailer)

- Developer: Metronomik (Malaysia)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/6jxl3BZH2og>
- Steam link: [https://store.steampowered.com/app/4013150/Ondeh Ondeh Kayas Tasty Tale/](https://store.steampowered.com/app/4013150/Ondeh_Ondeh_Kayas_Tasty_Tale/)
- Summary: Join Kaya on her quest to become a Worldbuilder in this heartwarming puzzle action-adventure. Explore the whimsical world of Selera, inspired by the rich cultures of Southeast Asia, where rhythm powers exploration, puzzles, and combat in a heartfelt tale of family, courage, and self-discovery.

Bloodwell (Exclusive reveal trailer)

- Developer: Ten Ten Studio (Malaysia)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/CNYolyT8PmA>
- Steam link: <https://store.steampowered.com/app/5166650>
- Summary: Play as Dusk, a Vampire Knight rebuilt as a cyborg. Bite enemies to heal, steal their blood to unlock new powers, and hunt down the Four Apostles across a gothic city powered by blood.

Overhours (Exclusive release date trailer)

- Developer: CtrlD Studio (Malaysia)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/pfZWYvZFgp8>
- Steam link: <https://store.steampowered.com/app/2439500/Overhours/>
- Summary: Overhours is a single-player action tower defense game set in a fictional agency facing an invasion of soul-eating monsters. Work the night owl shift and face the hordes with a variety of traps and special abilities!

Fallen Tear: The Ascension

- Developer: Winter Crew Studios (Philippines)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/Xm0o8Ck Jr38>
- Steam link: https://store.steampowered.com/app/1446900/Fallen_Tear_The_Ascension/
- Summary: A hand-drawn Metroidvania where the allies you bond with change how you fight and explore. Play as Hira across the broken world of Raoah, recruit 22 companions, master combo-driven combat, and defy the gods who let it all fall apart.

Sepak U - Sports Fighting Game

- Developer: Good Knight Collective (Philippines)
- Trailer link: https://youtu.be/i4_MC6ZlvIw
- Steam link: https://store.steampowered.com/app/4566850/Sepak_U_Sports_Fighting_Game/
- Summary: Smash-Like Volleyball - Fighting Game meets Volleyball and Football with 1-4 players, 21 characters, 21 arenas, with over 10 hours of solo/co-op content, minigames, and epic boss battles. Based on Sepak Takraw, a cultural Asian sport.

HellHeart Breaker

- Developer: BattleBrew Productions (Singapore)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/Htgd0Yk121M>
- Steam link: https://store.steampowered.com/app/3439410/HellHeart_Breaker/
- Summary: From the folks who brought you Cuisineer, comes a hack and slash action roguelite... with a dating sim! HellHeart Breaker - the monster girls you date grant you newfound powers, and the girls you don't... are the bosses you fight! In this dungeon-crawler roguelite, you are locked away at the bottom of the Underworld, fighting your way out. If all is fair in love and war - what will you do?

Nightmare Circus

- Developer: Fairplay Studios (Thailand)
- Trailer link: https://youtu.be/YFCB7sCEX_c
- Steam link: https://store.steampowered.com/app/3227900/Nightmare_Circus/
- Summary: Nightmare Circus is an action-adventure game where the player takes on the role of a Puppeteer trapped in the Nightmare Realm. Set out on a journey to find his friends and escape the nightmare!

Lost & Found Co.

- Developer: Bit Egg Inc (Thailand)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/KaVdgfa0JyA>
- Steam link: https://store.steampowered.com/app/2101390/Lost_and_Found_Co/
- Summary: Lost and Found Co. is a hidden object adventure in a cozy and immersive world. Join a cast of lively characters on their epic journey across countless magical locations. Find lost items, solve puzzles, and help a tiny dragon regain her power!

Dungeon Hot Pot

- Developer: Renala Games (Indonesia)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/OW1dmcG3Mag>
- Steam link: https://store.steampowered.com/app/3333380/Dungeon_Hotpot/
- Summary: A cozy fantasy cooking narrative set in a torchlit dungeon, where you comfort weary adventurers with warm, delicious bowls of monster hotpot. After quests, battles, and long roads, you help their stories find rest in a warm bowl, giving them the strength to survive their quest.

13Z: The Zodiac Trials

- Developer: Mixed Realms (Singapore)
- Trailer link: https://youtu.be/1RN9_FGT9hw
- Steam link: https://store.steampowered.com/app/2348250/13Z_The_Zodiac_Trials/
- Summary: 13Z: The Zodiac Trials is a fast-paced, anime-inspired action roguelike where aspiring Challengers fight to earn their place as the legendary 13th Zodiac Guardian. Play solo or team up in 2–4 player co-op, choosing from four animal spirits with distinct combat styles and abilities.

Battle through mythological trials with stylish hack-and-slash combat, take on hordes of enemies and formidable Zodiac Guardians, and craft powerful builds through an extensive range of upgrades and modifiers. With different characters to master, new powers to unlock, and builds to experiment with, every run is another chance to take on the Trials your way.

Wira (Exclusive teaser trailer)

- Developer: RICRYM (Malaysia)
- Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/sQkISinN3yo>
- Steam link: N/A
- Summary: RICRYM presents Wira, an upcoming Malaysian-inspired 3D MMORPG that utilises cutting-edge blockchain technology. More details coming soon.

High-resolution video and image files for the exclusive trailers can be found in our official [SEA Game Awards Press Kit](#).

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ABOUT THE SEA GAME AWARDS

Running since 2017, the SEA Game Awards is an annual awards ceremony that aims to recognise and celebrate the creativity, innovation, and technical excellence of the finest game developers from the Southeast Asian region.

The awards are organised in conjunction with LEVEL UP KL, the premier Southeast Asian game developers' conference and a flagship event for game developers across the region. LEVEL UP KL provides a platform for players in the industry to interact, learn and share knowledge, offering business and technical insights, as well as future-shaping trends from thought-leader keynotes and high-level panels from all over the world.

ABOUT MALAYSIA DIGITAL ECONOMY CORPORATION (MDEC)

Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) is a government agency under the Ministry of Digital, established in 1996 to drive the development of Malaysia's digital economy. Since the launch of MSC Malaysia, MDEC has played a key role in advancing digital transformation, strengthening national competitiveness, and positioning Malaysia as the digital hub of ASEAN.

MDEC supports this vision by upskilling Malaysians in digital capabilities, helping businesses embrace digitalisation, enabling tech companies to expand globally, and attracting strategic investment into the digital economy. Through these efforts, MDEC continues to unlock opportunities and drive inclusive growth for the nation.