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## **ASEAN NCAP – SAFER CARS FOR ASEAN REGION**



### *ASEAN NCAP Held the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN NCAP Grand Prix Awards 2020 Virtually*

**Kajang, Malaysia, 16 February 2021** – The COVID-19 pandemic saw 2020 with lockdowns implemented amongst major countries in the world and borders closed from international travels. Such challenge has resulted in us not able to conduct events physically in a face-to-face setting. As such we, at the New Car Assessment Programme for Southeast Asian Countries (ASEAN NCAP) had adopted an unprecedented measure by holding our 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN NCAP Grand Prix Awards 2020 via an online Webex platform. The ASEAN NCAP Grand Prix Awards is a biannual event with the objective to commemorate high achievers in the field of vehicle safety in the ASEAN region. The Grand Prix Awards was first held in Kuching, Sarawak in 2014, the second was conducted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2016 and the third was in Karawang, Indonesia in 2018.

There are two main awards that are given out namely the Excellent Award and the Best Safety Performance Award. Under the Excellent Award, 12 winners were identified in which the award criteria are for the company/vehicle/organization/individual that contributes towards the improvement of vehicle safety in the ASEAN market. As for the Best Safety Performance Award, 4 winners or vehicles were selected based on their highest scoring points during the 2019-2020 assessments. The winners for the Grand Prix Awards 2020 are as follows.

## EXCELLENT AWARD

Category	Winner
CONTINUOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT	ISUZU D-MAX
MOST VIEWED ASEAN NCAP YouTube VIDEO	MITSUBISHI XPANDER
NEW MANUFACTURER SAFETY COMMITMENT	VINFAST
ASEAN NCAP VEHICLE SAFETY AMBASSADOR	PROF. DR. WONG SHAW VOON
AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY PIONEER	YBHG. PROF. DATO' IR. HJ. MOHAMAD BIN DALIB
CHILD OCCUPANT SAFETY CHAMPION	TS. DR. SITI ZAHARAH BINTI ISHAK
ORGANIZATION	JAPAN CONSORTIUM
CONSISTENT 5-STAR	HONDA CITY
CONTINUOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT	TOYOTA COROLLA ALTIS
CONTINUOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT	TOYOTA HILUX
CONTINUOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT	TOYOTA INNOVA
THE MOST 5-STAR BRAND (2019-2020)	TOYOTA

## BEST SAFETY PERFORMANCE AWARD

Category	Winner
ADULT OCCUPANT PROTECTION	HONDA ACCORD
CHILD OCCUPANT PROTECTION	HONDA ACCORD
SAFETY ASSIST	TOYOTA MAJESTY/GRANVIA
OVERALL	HONDA ACCORD



MIROS Director-General who is also ASEAN NCAP Secretary-General and Acting Chairman, Adjunct Prof. Ir. Ts. Dr. Khairil Anwar Abu Kassim said:

“Our latest roadmap assessment has recently ended last year and thus, this is the perfect timing for us to organize the Grand Prix Awards. Unlike the previous three Grand Prix events, we are adopting to a new normal of holding this event as we do not want to hinder the benefits of such important information regarding vehicle safety performance to be widely circulated to consumers and road users. Over the years we saw great efforts have been put forward by vehicle manufacturers to ensure their vehicles are offered with the best safety features for the road users. As such, the awards will provide them with competitive edge against other models that do not offer such safety technologies albeit better passive safety technologies or advanced safety assist. Furthermore, as ASEAN NCAP has been in existence for 10 years now, we would like to recognize not only vehicle models but also organizations or individuals who have worked hand-in-hand with ASEAN NCAP and continuously strived to ensure the significance of vehicle safety. I look forward to work together with these important individuals and organizations as well future vehicle models under the new ASEAN NCAP assessment protocol for 2021-2025.”

### **ASEAN NCAP**

ASEAN NCAP is a new addition to the NCAP organizations around the world, which is targeted to enhance safety standards, raise consumer awareness and thus encourage a market for safer vehicles in the Southeast Asia region (ASEAN community). This is a collaborative effort by MIROS and Global NCAP, in which the latter funded the pilot phase of the project. ASEAN NCAP is also supported by the membership of Automobile Associations from Malaysia (AAM), the Philippines (AAP), Singapore (AA Singapore), Cambodia (AAC) and Thailand (RAAT).

Currently, ASEAN NCAP Steering Committee (SC) is chaired by Director-General of MIROS and Acting Chairman of ASEAN NCAP, Professor (Adjunct) Ir. Dr. Khairil Anwar Abu Kassim in which he also chaired the ASEAN NCAP Technical Committee (TC).

**About MIROS** – The Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS) was established in 2007 as an agency under the Ministry of Transport Malaysia to serve as a central repository of knowledge and information on road safety. The findings derived from research and evidence-based intervention programmes provide the basis for the formulation of new strategies, legislations, policies, and enforcement measures, governing road safety at the national level. Principally engaged in research, MIROS collaborates closely with local and international government agencies and private bodies to further the cause of road safety.

In 2014, the ASEAN Transport Ministers had appointed MIROS as the ASEAN Road Safety Centre. The aims of this centre are to promote and provide knowledge on road safety issues among ASEAN Member States which includes road traffic laws and regulations, data management, standards development, and road safety awareness and education.



**About Global NCAP** – Global NCAP is a non-profit organization registered in the United Kingdom which aims to encourage the worldwide availability of independent consumer information about the safety of motor vehicles.

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