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RPM DISTRIBUTES FIRST ROYALTY PAYOUT TO MEMBERS



Directors of RPM who attended the event : (from left to right) Aniu (阿牛), Dato' Sheila Majid (Chairperson), Ana Raffali and Jaclyn Victor



Directors of RPM and Musician Committee (from left to right) : Aznan Alias, Kelly, Acis, RPM Directors, Jenny Chin, Mac Chew & Aubrey Suwito



Group photo of RPM Directors and Musician Committee together with VIP Guests



Group photo of RPM Members who attended the event.

24th July 2015, Kuala Lumpur – There will be more reason to celebrate Hari Raya this year for recording artistes and musicians who are members of Recording Performers Malaysia Berhad (RPM). RPM members received their first royalty payments on 14 July 2015 from RPM, the licensing body representing recording performers in conjunction with a Buka Puasa Dinner treat for its members.

The event took place with the presence of well-reputable artistes and music personalities, such as Dato' Sheila Majid, Aniu (阿牛), Jaclyn Victor, Ana Raffali, Dato' M. Nasir, KRU Brothers, Rohana Jalil, Azlan and The Typewriter, ManHand, DayDream, Will Ng, Coco Nantha, Sundrra, Mac Chew, Jenny Chin, Acis, Aubrey Suwito, Aznan Alias, Steve Thornton, Fauzi Marzuki and many more distinguished representatives from the music industry, Encik Norman Abdul Halim, Chairman of Recording Industry Association of Malaysia (RIM), Mr. Darren Choy, Chairman of Public Performance Malaysia Sdn Bhd (PPM), Dato' Freddie Fernandez, President of Persatuan Karyawan, Mr. Ramani Ramalingam, CEO of RIM Group, Ms. Chan Miew Lan, General Manager of Music

Authors' Copyright Protection Berhad MACP), Mr. Kuan Chi Yuan (管啟源), famous producer amongst others.

Dato' Sheila Majid, who is the Chairperson of RPM in her speech, expressed the need for total transparency and fairness in the process of distribution of royalties amongst the performers. "It is paramount for us that we follow best possible practices and maintain transparency and fairness at all times as we should distribute back to our members what they have worked hard for," said Dato' Sheila.

She highlighted that RPM was formed with the main objective to protect the relevant rights of all its members and she highlighted, "When a recording artiste and musician is registered as a member of RPM, any tracks that she/he has performed on are broadcasted or airplayed publicly, RPM will ensure he/she will be receiving any/all royalties that may be due to them."

Dato' Sheila Majid also took the opportunity to introduce and announce on the Musician Committee of RPM, led by well-known musicians Mac Chew (Chairman), Jenny Chin (Vice Chairman) together with Aubrey Suwito, Acis, Kelly and Nan Alias. The musician committee was formed with the main objective of assisting on identification and verification of the line up in a recorded song whilst bringing commitment and support to ensure a fair manner of distribution to non-featured recording performers. The Musician Committee will also ensure that recording musicians rights are fully protected and not overlooked.

RPM's Board of Directors and Musician Committee strongly believe and agree that no one can better represent the performers other than the performers themselves. They hope to bring all recording artistes and musicians to unite and lend their support to each other, fulfilling RPM's tagline "Performers for Performers".

"I am truly grateful and thankful to the full support from the key players in the music industry, RIM, MACP, PPM and Karyawan and also most importantly the support and understanding from my peers in making our first distribution of royalties not only possible but a successful one," said Dato' Sheila.

"RPM would also like to record its appreciation to all the commercial users who have supported RPM members by obtaining licences and paying rightful fees for RPM members' recorded performances" she added.

Royalties were distributed to all eligible members who registered with RPM on or before 31 December 2014. In addition to receiving their royalty cheques and a scrumptious Buka Puasa treat at Istana Hotel, this event was also a glamorous gathering among the artistes and musicians. Everyone went back with a big smile on their face that night.

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