

19th International Children's Painting Competition

Theme: Biodiversity: connecting with Nature

The International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment is organized every year by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Japan-based Foundation for Global Peace and Environment (FGPE), Bayer and Nikon Corporation. It has been held since 1991 and has received more than 2.4 million entries from children in over 100 countries. The theme for this year's competition is Biodiversity and it will focus on our beautiful earth, full of different life forms and what can we do to protect it.

The children's paintings will focus on concrete actions to preserve biodiversity such as tree planting, marine and animal conservation, restoration of coral reefs etc

The competition was launched on 20 August 2009. The organizers are inviting children all over the world to submit their paintings to the UNEP office in their regions. Addresses of these offices are indicated on page 3.

Entry Rules and Conditions:

Children between the age of 6 and 14 years.

- 1) Paintings must be done on A4 (21 x 29.7 cm) or A3 (29.7 x 42 cm) papers.
- 2) Full name, age (day, month, and year) and full address including phone and e-mail (in English) must be on the back of the painting.
- 3) Style of painting is free: crayons, colored pencils, watercolors, etc.
- 4) Paintings that have been shown or accepted elsewhere will not be accepted in this competition.
- 5) Paintings that show a particular person, an organization or a brand name will not be accepted.
- 6) Do not include any words or descriptions in the paintings.
- 7) Only hard copies of paintings will be accepted. (E-mail entries will only be accepted after by hard copies is received).
- 8) You can submit more than one entry.

Prizes:

Global winners:

The 1st Prize:

One entrant - US\$2,000.- with a fully paid trip for the winner and a chaperone to the Tunza International Children's Conference (date and venue to be confirmed later). The winner will also receive a plaque and supplementary prizes.

The 2nd Prize:

One entrant - US\$1,000.- and a fully paid trip for winners and chaperones to the Tunza International Children's Conference (date and venue to be confirmed later). Each winner will also receive a plaque and supplementary prizes.

The 3rd Prize:

Five entrants - A diploma for each winner (No cash)

The 4th Prize:

Ten entrants - A diploma for each winner (No cash)

The 5th Prize:

Forty five entrants - A diploma for each winner (No cash)

Regional winners:

One winner only from each region: Africa; Asia and the Pacific; West Asia; Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; and North America.

US\$ 1,000 and fully paid trip for each winner and chaperones to the Tunza International Children's Conference (venue and date to be confirmed later).

(Note that by entering the Competition, you have assigned copyright of your painting(s) to the organizers. The painting(s) will not be returned and will be used to raise environmental awareness through exhibition, websites, posters, publications etc) and -to raise funds to further promote environmental activities by children.

Selection of winners:

Winners will be selected through a fair and impartial selection by the organizers.

Announcement of winners:

(1) Regional winners will be announced on 30 April 2010

(2) Global winners will be announced at the venue of the next Tunza International Children's Conference (venue and dates to be confirmed later)

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Deadline:

Entries must reach the relevant UNEP regional office by April 15, 2010 at the latest.