

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. Who May Enter

The Contest is open to Mongolian nationals only. At the time of entry, entrant must reside in Japan or in Mongolia.

2. Photo Requirement

(1) Maximum number of photos per entry – 2.

(2) Photographs must be in digital format only (JPEG or .jpg) with a size of 20 megabytes or smaller; at least 1,600 pixels wide (for horizontal images) or 1,600 pixels tall (for vertical images). Scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable. No print or film submissions will be accepted.

(3) Photos may not previously have won any awards in any contest, or been submitted to previous iterations of the Contest.

(4) Only moderate burning, dodging, cropping and/or color corrections are acceptable. High dynamic range images (HDR) and stitched panoramas are acceptable.

(5) Photographs that include sculptures, statues, paintings, and other works of art will be accepted as long as they do not constitute copyright infringement or fraud. When photographing the work of others, it must be displayed as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's art.

(6) In case the photograph clearly displays faces of other persons, the entrant must submit proof that rights of that person(s) were not infringed, and proper permission was obtained.

(7) The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

(8) Watermarks are not acceptable.

3. Judging

Each individual submission (photo) will be judged independently of others within a given entry. First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and additional honorable mentions will be selected from amongst qualified submissions by representatives from the Japanese Embassy and select members of co-organizers. Winners will be notified by e-mail. The decisions of the Judges are final and binding.

4. License

By entering the Contest, all entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive license to the Japanese Embassy to reproduce, distribute, display and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit), in any media now or hereafter known, for no additional compensation, including, but not limited to:

- exhibits and gallery displays organized by Embassy of Japan (including “My Memories in Japan” Photo Contest exhibition);
- publication in Japanese Embassy’s brochures, pamphlets, flyers and videos;
- websites, social media (such as Facebook).

5. Data privacy

Entrants agree that personal data, especially name and address, may be processed, shared, and otherwise used for the purposes and within the context of the Contest and any other purposes outlined in these Rules and Regulations.

The data may also be used by the Japanese Embassy in order to verify the entrant's identity, postal address, and telephone number or to otherwise verify the entrant's eligibility to participate in the Contest. Entrants have the right to access, review, rectify, or cancel any personal data held by the Japanese Embassy by writing to the Japanese Embassy. Personal data will be used by the Japanese Embassy and its affiliates exclusively for the purposes stated herein.