

THE 87th INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SALON OF JAPAN

Online Entries Only! (Printed submissions will not be accepted.)

The International Photographic Salon, which is the most historic photographic contest in Japan, is now only accepting online submissions via our website.

Entry Period

Saturday, August 1, 2026 — Saturday, October 31, 2026

Judges

Anju (Photographer)

Tokihiro Sato (Director of the Ken Domon Museum of Photography, Photographer)

Shintaro Shiratori (APA President, Photographer)

Officials from The Asahi Shimbun and AJAPS

Sponsored by The All-Japan Association of Photographic Societies (AJAPS) and The Asahi Shimbun

Awards (overseas category)

- 3 SPECIAL PRIZE winners Medal
- 42 HONORABLE MENTION winners Certificate of Commendation

* Only the 3 SPECIAL PRIZE winners will receive Medals.

Entry Rules

Eligibility

- Regardless of nationality, anyone living overseas is eligible to enter from the website specified below. Please enter your country of residence, not your nationality.
- Foreign embassy staff members residing in Japan are also eligible to enter from the website specified below. Please enter the address and name of your embassy in Japan in the address field.
- * Other than the abovementioned foreign embassy staff members, no one living in Japan, regardless of nationality, is eligible to enter from the website specified below.

Images

- Open to all themes. We are looking for thought-provoking and original images.
- Images must be uploaded to the website specified below. Email attachments are not allowed.
- Images must have been taken by you, and you must hold the original copyright.
- Composite and processed images are also acceptable.
- Images generated by the image generative AI are not eligible for entry.
- Images that have previously been published or that have won in other contests are eligible for entry. However, please do not breach the application requirements for such contests.
- Single images in color or monochrome may be submitted (sets of images will not be accepted)
- Images must be no smaller than 3MB and no larger than 10MB. Images must be JPEG files.
- One person may submit up to three (3) images.
- Your image data will not be returned.

How to Enter Use this link to enter.

<https://www.photo-asahi.com/ipsj>



Contact us

The All-Japan Association of Photographic Societies (AJAPS)
ajaps@photo-asahi.com

Fee

- The competition is free to enter.

Notification of Award-winning Photographers

- Award-winning photographers will be contacted directly via email in late December or January.
- Only award-winning photographers will be notified. We do not respond to inquiries about the results.
- The award-winning images are announced in The Asahi Shimbun newspapers, in the "Photo Asahi" newsletter, and on the AJAPS website.
- * There are cases where we cannot contact award winners after they have received their awards. Please make sure to apply with an e-mail address that we can contact.

Exhibition

- The prize-winning works will be displayed at several venues across Japan.
- * Please note that, due to space limitations, only some works may be displayed at certain venues.

Catalogue

- All winners will be presented with a commemorative catalogue.
- * We will send a commemorative catalogue to your address by the end of April or May.

Notice

- When the copyright for anything depicted in an image, such as a portrait or creative work, is held by a third party, you must obtain consent for use in advance. If a third party holding such a copyright should make a complaint, demand, or objection regarding a copyright violation or damage compensation, the applicant must personally handle all related issues, without causing any trouble to the sponsors.
- When the sponsors determine that entry rules have been violated, the sponsors may invalidate the award even after the awards have been announced.

Handling Personal Information

- Personal information provided by an applicant is used for contacting and communicating with the applicant, as well as for sending the catalogue and providing information about other events and contests that sponsors and participating corporations hold. Furthermore, the name and address (country) of the award-winning photographer are displayed when an award-winning image is published and exhibited.

Award-winning Image Use

- Although the copyright for an award-winning image is held by the applicant, without obtaining permission from the award-winning photographer, the sponsors and other related corporations shall be allowed to use the images free of charge for newspapers, websites, the catalogue and other media and venues that publicize, handle and manage exhibitions and displays. In addition, the sponsors and other related corporations shall be allowed to re-grant a third party permission to use the image for exhibit and display in any event and to duplicate it for web browsing when promoting and publicizing this contest.

About International Mail

- When receiving goods from Japan, depending on the value and quantity of the goods, customs duties and consumption taxes may be imposed, and customs clearance fees may also be charged by the postal entity of the country to which the goods are addressed. Please note that these customs duties and taxes are the responsibility of the recipient.
- Due to international circumstances and other factors, delivery of mail to some countries and regions may be delayed or may not be available.

Other notes

- * Due to domestic circumstances, disasters, or other factors, the judging process, announcement of results, exhibitions, and other events may proceed differently than scheduled.
- * There will be no awards ceremony.

From Japan to the world, from the world to Japan
We await your creations!