

Official Rules for the “Once in Japan” Photo Contest 2017

Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco

The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco is pleased to announce the “Once in Japan” Photo Contest 2017. Applicants are invited to submit photos they think are beautiful, cool, cute, breath-taking, tasty, innovative, funny, strange, surprising, and unique about Japan **for a chance to win the latest Canon cameras!** The deadline for this contest is Saturday, September 30th, 2017.

Please note that all submitted photos may be used in any media by the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco. Media includes but is not limited to: Homepage, Facebook, pamphlets, flyers, etc.

Who May Enter:

Contest is open only to all individuals who do not hold Japanese passports. Dual citizens of Japan are not eligible to apply. At the time of entry, all contestants must reside in the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco's [jurisdiction](#).

Please note that all applicants will be required to send photocopies of their passports and Japanese immigration entry stamp (from the trip submitted photos were taken). By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the Official Rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Official Rules. Only one (1) entry per person.

How to Enter:

Each entry consists of an application form and the link to the Google Drive folder where the digital file is uploaded. All photos must have been taken in Japan within the past 2 years. Additionally, the Google Drive folder **must** be shared with: japaninfo@sr.mofa.go.jp at the time of submission.

Maximum of five (5) submissions per entry. Each entry must comply with the following requirements (the “Photograph Requirements”):

1. Photographs must be in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this Contest. The photograph need not be taken with a digital camera; scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable. All digital files must be 20 megabytes or smaller, must be in JPEG or .jpg format, and must be at least 1,600 pixels wide (if a horizontal image) or 1,600 pixels tall (if a vertical image)
2. Photos must have been taken within two (2) years before the date of entry and may not previously have won any contest awards.
3. Only moderate burning, dodging, and/or color correction is acceptable, as is moderate cropping. High dynamic range images (HDR) and stitched panoramas are acceptable.
4. 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; provided entrants must be prepared to provide a release form as described below in "Release." When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's art.
5. 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.
6. Watermarks are not acceptable.

Criteria for judgment:

First, second, third place winners, and honorable mentions will be determined by representatives from the Consulate and select members from the community and will be based on photographic quality and creativity. Winners will be notified by e-mail. Decisions of the Judges are final and binding.

Contest Prizes:

First Prize: One First Prize will be awarded. The First Prize consists of:

- 1) Certificate
- 2) Canon's latest DSLR camera model: EOS Rebel T7i (with EF18-135mm lens kit)
- 3) Picture displayed and featured in the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco's gallery space.

Second Prize: One Second Prize will be awarded. The Second Prize consists of:

- 1) Certificate
- 2) Canon PowerShot G5X
- 3) Picture displayed and featured in the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco's gallery space.

Third Prize: One Third Prize will be awarded. The Second Prize consists of:

- 1) Certificate
- 2) Canon PowerShot SX730
- 3) Picture displayed and featured in the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco's gallery space.

Gallery Display:

First, second, third place winners, and honorable mentions will be printed and displayed to the public in the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco's gallery space in November 2017.

License:

By entering the Contest, all entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide non-exclusive license to the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco, to reproduce, distribute, display and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit) in connection with the Contest and promotion of the Contest, in any media now or hereafter known, for no additional compensation, including, but not limited to: Consulate exhibit and gallery display; publication in Consulate brochures, pamphlets, flyers, and web-based media (such as Facebook).

Application Deadline:

All application forms and files must be sent by: 11:59 PM PST, Saturday, September 30th, 2017
Please direct all submissions via email to: japaninfo@sr.mofa.go.jp

Required Documents:

- Application Form (Download here: [Word](#) / [PDF](#))
- Photo copy of your passport (both (1) Identification Page, and (2) Japanese immigration entry stamp page (from when submitted photos were taken))