

# Official Rules for the “Once in Japan” Photo Contest 2018

Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco

## Organizer/Sponsor

The “Once in Japan” Photo Contest 2018 (hereinafter referred to as “the Contest”) is organized by the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco (hereinafter referred to as “the Consulate”), 275 Battery Street, Suite 2100, San Francisco, California, 94111, with support from Canon USA.

## Purpose

This Contest seeks to highlight the unique charms and experiences that Japan can offer to international visitors, through their own eyes.

## Who May Enter

**The Contest is only open to individuals who do not hold Japanese passports. Dual citizens of Japan are not eligible to apply.** At the time of entry, entrant must reside within the Consulate’s [jurisdiction](#).

Please note that all entrants will be required to send photocopies of their passports and Japanese immigration entry and exit stamps from the trip(s) 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

Please note that all submitted photos may be used in any media by the Consulate. Media includes but is not limited to: website, social media, videos, pamphlets, and flyers.

Each entry consists of a completed **application form**, **required passport documentation**, and the **link to the Google Drive folder** containing uploaded photo submissions. **All photos must have been taken in Japan between June 1, 2016 and September 21, 2018.** Photo submissions must be uploaded to a new folder in [Google Drive](#). Other file sharing sites will not be accepted. Additionally, the Google Drive folder containing applicant’s photo submission **must** be shared with: **[japaninfo@sr.mofa.go.jp](mailto:japaninfo@sr.mofa.go.jp)** at the time of submission.

A Maximum of three (3) photo submissions per entry. Each entry must comply with the following 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 the 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 during a trip the Entrant had taken to Japan ending no earlier than June 1, 2016.
3. Photos may not previously have won any awards in any contest.
4. Photos may not have been submitted to previous iterations of the Contest
5. Only moderate burning, dodging, and/or color correction is acceptable, as is moderate cropping. High dynamic range images (HDR) and stitched panoramas are acceptable.
6. 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.

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.
9. For each photo submission, please include the following on the [application form](#):
  - a. File Name (of digital file)
  - b. Photo Title
  - c. Photo Description (the story behind the photo)
  - d. Photo Location
  - e. Photo Date

### **Judging**

Each individual submission (photo) will be judged independently of others within a given entry. One each of First, Second, and Third Prize-winning photos, and additional honorable mentions will be selected from amongst qualified submissions by representatives from the Consulate and select members from the community. Winners will be notified by e-mail. The decisions of the Judges are final and binding.

### **Contest Prizes**

**First, Second, and Third Prize winners will each receive the following:**

- 1) A Certificate of Award
- 2) A Canon camera (model may differ between First, Second, and Third Prizes)
- 3) Selected Submission displayed and featured in the Consulate's gallery.

### **Gallery Exhibition**

First, Second, and Third Prize-winning photos and honorable mentions will be printed and displayed to the public in the Consulate's gallery as a part of the "Once in Japan" Photo Contest 2018 exhibition.

### **License**

By entering the Contest, all entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive license to the Consulate, 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: the Consulate exhibit and gallery display; publication in Consulate brochures, pamphlets, flyers, and web-based media (such as Facebook).

### **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 Official Rules. The data may also be used by the Consulate 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 Consulate by writing to the Consulate. Personal data will be used by the Consulate and its affiliates exclusively for the purposes stated herein.

### **Application Deadline**

All application forms and files must be sent by: 11:59 PM PST, Friday, September 21, 2018.  
Please direct all submissions via email to: [japaninfo@sr.mofa.go.jp](mailto:japaninfo@sr.mofa.go.jp)

### **Required Documents**

- Application Form ([Download here](#))
- Photo copy of your passport [both (a) Identification Page, and (b) Japanese immigration entry stamp page (from when submitted photos were taken)]