

Let's develop new friendships and broaden our perspectives through photography!!



The 5th annual

International High School Students' Photo Festival Exchange

HIGASHIKAWA Youth Fest.



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Higashikawa , the "Town of Photography"

In June 1985, Higashikawa was declared the only "Town of Photography" in the world. It aims to promote international exchange and photography in order to open the town to the world and share its unique harmony between nature and culture.

Purpose of the festival

Since being declared the Town of Photography about 30 years ago, "The Culture Capital of Photography," Higashikawa, aims grow as a town with a good balance of nature and culture. As the center of photo culture for people across the world, we organize this festival to encourage students to develop friendships through photo culture and to promote international understanding.

Outline for the festival

We are looking for works (a series of photos) from the countries and areas listed below, where we currently have established international exchanges. The selection will be held in each country and area. The 21 selected schools from overseas (one school per country and area) and 3 selected schools from Japan will participate in the festival (held in the "Town of Photography," Higashikawa).

21 international teams (cities, districts and towns are designated by the organizer)

| Country・Area | City・District・Town |
|------------------|---|
| China | Beijing |
| Korea | Yeongwol County |
| Taiwan | Taipei, New Taipei City, Keelung, Taoyuan and Yilan |
| Thailand | |
| Vietnam | |
| Uzbekistan | Tashkent |
| Indonesia | Special Region of Yogyakarta |
| Australia | Canberra |
| Canada | Canmore |
| Latvia | Rujiena |
| USA | New York |
| Myanmar | Twan Tay |
| Malaysia | Kuala Lumpur |
| Singapore | Singapore |
| Finland | Kangasala |
| Marshall Islands | Majuro |
| Mongolia | Ulaanbaatar |
| Russia | Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk |
| Switzerland | Vevey |
| France | Bretagne |
| Laos | Vientiane |

*The committee accepts applications only from the cities, counties, and towns listed above.

*The preliminary selection process in Mongolia is different from other countries and areas. Please contact the local coordinator for further information.



Coordinator's email address: mongolianphotographers@gmail.com (United association of Mongolian Photographers)



About The International High School Students' Photo Festival Exchange

21 selected teams from overseas and 3 selected schools in Japan gather in Higashikawa, the “Town of Photography” and take photos of beautiful scenery around the town.

* The outline of the festival may be changed without prior notice.

A Duration of the Invitation

Thursday, August 1st~Thursday, August 8th, 2019 (7 nights, 8 days)

B Duration of the Festival

Friday, August 2nd~Wednesday, August 7th, 2019

C Main Venues

- ①Cultural Exchange Center GentPure I
- ②Scenic spots in Higashikawa

D Schedule

- August 1 (Thu) ■ Arrive in Higashikawa
- August 2 (Fri) ■ Group picture ■ Opening Ceremony ■ Welcome Lunch Party ■ Orientation
- August 3 (Sat) ■ Japanese language lesson ■ Orientation ■ Movie ‘Shashin Koshien’ ■ Photo Session-1
 ■ Enjoy Higashikawa International Photo Festival and local festival ‘Dontokoi Matsuri’
- August 4 (Sun) ■ Photo selection-1 ■ Judges’ Review
- August 5 (Mon) ■ Photo session-2 ■ Photo selection-2 ■ Experience Japanese Culture
- August 6 (Tue) ■ Photo session-3 ■ Photo selection-3
- August 7 (Wed) ■ Sightseeing ■ Awards & Closing ceremony ■ Farewell Party
- August 8 (Thu) ■ Departure



E Contents of The Festival

Each team will participate in 3 photo sessions based on themes and categories specific to the place and time (cameras and memory cards to be used will be provided by the organizer).

The participants will select and submit a series of 6 photos after two of the photo sessions, and individual submissions of 2 photos per person after one of the photo sessions, all of which will be titled. Computers and printers will be provided by the organizer.

F Judges

The panel of judges will be consist of 7 people, 2 from overseas and 5 from Japan.

G Festival Awards

| Awards | School | Individual | Notes |
|--|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| The Higashikawa “Town of Photography” Award (Gold Award) | One school | One person | Award certificate and extra prize |
| Higashikawa Tourism Association Award (Silver Award) | One school | One person | Award certificate and extra prize |
| Hokko Gakuen Award (Bronze Award) | One school | One person | Award certificate and extra prize |
| Students and Teachers' Choice Award | Two schools | Three people | Prize |
| Special Award (Online voting) | Two schools | Three people | Prize |

*The Special Award is selected by vote on the internet (votes are held on each photo session day).



