

APO Photo Contest 2008 winners



Gold Prize: My friends
Subin Pumsom (Thailand)

The APO Photo Contest 2008 had the theme “Productivity: Tomorrow’s Hope.” The biennial contest, generously cosponsored by Fujifilm, was open to all nationals of APO member countries. More than 1,000 photos were received from 16 member countries. The 12 winners were decided by a panel of five judges on 25 September. The panel comprised two professional photographers, Shigeru Chatani and Sanae Numata; Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to Japan H.E. Dato’ R.B. Radzi; Minister Counsellor D.M. Ratnayake, Embassy of Sri Lanka to Japan; and APO Secretary-General Shigeo Takenaka.

“I was once again very impressed with the variety of beautiful photos and enjoyed the process of selecting the winning ones,” said Chatani, who has led the judging panel since the contest started in 2001. “I could see improvements in the quality of photos, especially the careful consideration of the background and lighting of the main subjects.” He also advised future contest entrants to understand the purpose and theme of the contest and find a good subject to express their interpretation of the theme effectively.

The APO offers sincere congratulations to all the winners, who will receive their prizes soon. We also thank all who submitted entries for their enthusiastic participation. The next contest will be held in 2010, when we look forward once more to viewing the best efforts of the region’s many talented photographers.

The winning entries will be uploaded to the Photo Contest Gallery on the APO Web site after receiving transfer of copyright from the prizewinners. 



Silver Prize: Working for tomorrow
Tran Ngoc Tuan (Vietnam)



Silver Prize: Helping mother
Ta Quang Bao (Vietnam)



Bronze Prize: New green
Tran Vinh Nghia (Vietnam)



Bronze Prize: Autumn
Osamu Okada (Japan)



Bronze Prize: Happiness in the banana plantation
Preecha Charoenyossa (Thailand)



Photo Contest Judges (L-R) Chatani, Dato’ R.B. Radzi, Takenaka, Ratnayake, and Numata

Special Prize:

Collective effort, Indranil Sengupta (India)
We can do it together, Bong Chee We (Malaysia)
Flying dreams, Hoang Quoc Tuan (Vietnam)

Happy harvest, Nguyen Phi Hai (Vietnam)
My responsibilities, Huynh Thien Anh (Vietnam)
Using sunlight, Duong Ngoc Thu (Vietnam)