

APO Productivity Photo Contest 2010 Announcing the winners!

Thanks to all who sent in their best shots to the APO 2010 Photo Contest. Launched in 2001 as part of the APO's 40th anniversary celebrations, the biennial APO Photo Contest has received thousands of images captured in member countries, each illustrating efforts related to productivity.

Judging of the 2010 contest took place at the Secretariat on 7 October. This year, the preliminary judging was done by photography experts Chikako Yatabe, former Associated Press Regional Photo Editor, Asia, and Seiji Nomura, Sankei Shimbun Photo Editor/Photographer. Yatabe and Nomura carefully reviewed each of the 813 images that had been received, commenting appreciatively as they circled the Secretariat conference room where all the prints had been hung.



Nomura (foreground) and Yatabe scrutinize all entries.



Singtong (center) comments on an image as Yamazaki takes a closer look.

Gold Prize



Gift from the Sea, by Dang Thi Huong Hoa, Vietnam

After the preliminary selections had been made, the final judging took place, assisted by Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission Singtong Lapisatepun of the Embassy of Thailand and APO Secretary-General Ryuichiro Yamazaki.

The Silver Prize went to these images:



Fishing at Dawn by Yutapond Siriwikul, Thailand



Salt Farmers in Hon Khoi by Ngo Duc Can, Vietnam

These were the Bronze Prize winners:



Planting Season by Osamu Takeda, Japan



Dressed up with Gadgets by Nguyen Tran Hung, Vietnam



Sky Lanterns Afloat by Pongnathee Pookung, Thailand

These photos were selected to receive Merit Prizes:



Life by Arun Mondhe, India



Studying for Tomorrow by Gregorio B. Dantes Jr., Philippines



On the Way to Market by Arun Mondhe, India



Geometry of the Light by Subodh Natu, India



The Rewarding Gift by Nguyen Ngoc Hai, Vietnam