



Progress Report

This year's contest solicited an even greater response than last year's. We received a total of 1,260 entries from 464 contestants representing 16 member countries. This signifies a 16 percent increase in both number of entries and contestants as compared with the 2001 contest. For two years running, Vietnam topped the list of member countries with the highest number of entrants and entries. A close second was once again Thailand. Of the top 19 prizes awarded last year, Vietnam walked away with five, including the Gold Prize.

The pre-selection meeting for this year's contest was held on 25 September. Two members of the panel of five judges helped to shortlist the number of entries to a more manageable number for final selection on 16 October. This timing is a little later than we had anticipated. For this reason, the winners of the APO Photo Contest 2002 will be announced only in the November issue of the APO News. Our apologies for this delay. However, winners of the contest will be posted on the APO Web site (www.apo-tokyo.org) a day or two after the selection meeting. The APO will also notify them directly by post.