

# Photo contest winners

This year's APO photo contest received a total of 527 entries submitted by 197 shutterbugs from 15 countries. We are very pleased with the response and the quality of the entries. As in most contests, the limited number of prizes available does not do justice to the generally high standard of the contest entries. By this token, the winning entries are particularly outstanding. For this reason, we have added three merit prizes. As in previous photo contests, Thailand and Vietnam led the field with the most entries. This year, they also walked away with all the prizes, except for one won by Malaysia. All the winning entries are posted on the APO Web site at [www.apo-tokyo.org](http://www.apo-tokyo.org) and featured in the 2005 APO Calendar.

The winners were selected by a panel of four distinguished judges who met on 18 November at the APO Secretariat. They were Indian Ambassador to Japan Mani Tripathi; professional photographer Sanae Numata; Shigeru Chatani, Director, Photographic Society of Japan; and APO Secretary-General Shigeo Takenaka.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in the contest. Our warmest congratulations go to the winners, who more than deserve the prizes. We are also very grateful to Fujifilm for donating the cameras.



*Judging in progress (L-R): Numata, Takenaka, Chatani, and Tripathi*

## And the winners are...

<b>Gold Prize</b> (Certificate, US\$750.00, and digital camera)	Chawalit Pumpo (Thailand)
<b>Silver Prize</b> (Certificate, US\$500.00, and digital camera)	Wasana Konghirun (Thailand)
	Lai Dien Dam (Vietnam)
<b>Bronze Prize</b> (Certificate, US\$300.00, and digital camera)	Pennee Wangniwiatkul (Thailand)
	Dang Ngoc Thai (Vietnam)
	Huynh My Thuan (Vietnam)
<b>Special Prize</b> (Certificate and digital camera)	Lau Kui Kwong (Malaysia)
	Nguyen Duc Chinh (Vietnam)
	Tran Anh Khoi (Vietnam)
	Nguyen Luong Hieu (Vietnam)
	Tran Dinh Thuong (Vietnam)
	Pham Hoai An (Vietnam)
<b>Merit Prize</b> (Certificate and US\$50.00)	Praseart Jaroen (Thailand)
	Chirasak Tolertmongkol (Thailand)
	Hoang Thanh Thuy (Vietnam)