

## Aso Millennium Grassland Digital Photo Contest 2011

Application Period: Monday, August 1th, 2011 to Friday, December 9th, 2011

Theme: "Living with the Grasslands"

Send us photos that show the ties between the Aso Grasslands and peoples' lives!

Where to apply: EPO Kyushu

Kumamoto City International Center

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Email: [photo@epo-kyushu.jp](mailto:photo@epo-kyushu.jp)

Eligibility:

The contest is open to any and all who would like to enter, professional photographer and amateur alike, without regard to age, gender, or nationality.

Categories: Digital Photographs (General section/Junior section (high school and younger)), Mobile Phone Snapshots

Prizes: Special Honor Prizes (3)

- The Chairman of the Awards Committee Award
- Kyushu Regional Environmental Office Award
- Kumamoto Prefecture Award

Awards of Honor (2 pieces for each category)

-Winners will be given a certificate and prizes.

Prizes will be provided with the help of Fuji Film Kyushu and JR Kyushu Kumamoto Office

-All entries will be used and exhibited as a part of publicity by the Kyushu Regional Environmental Office.

For further details, see back of flyer.

Hosted by: Kyushu Regional Environmental Office

Co-hosted by: Kumamoto Prefecture

Sponsored by: Fuji Film Kyushu and JR Kyushu Kumamoto Office

With special help from Kumamoto Nichinichi Newspaper, Kumamoto Broadcasting Company (RKK), NHK Kumamoto Office

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## Application Guideline

### Terms of Application:

- Applicants may submit up to five entries. Only those photographs that have not been published or exhibited in other contests shall be eligible for submission. Photos taken before the contest period are also eligible.
- The theme of the contest is “Living with the Grasslands”. Please send us digital photos of people, scenery, animals etc. taken in the Aso Grassland and nearby area, that express either 1) Ties between the grassland and peoples’ lives, 2) The bounty of the grasslands, 3) The biodiversity of the Aso Grasslands.
- Please make clear which category the picture is applying for.
- Photographs must be in digital format. Film photos will be eligible if sent as scanned data in jpeg form.
- File title should be set in the following form: “NAME\_PHOTO TITLE” (ex: Taro\_AsoRevival)
- When sending by email;
  - Send one picture per email in either color or monochrome
  - File format must be in jpeg format
  - The maximum email size is 20MB. (The data size of the original picture may be larger)
- When sending by post;
  - Must use CD-R (no other media is accepted)
  - No data size restrictions
- When sending your photos remember to send your
  - Name (In the case applicants are under 18, please tell us you and your guardian’s names.)
  - Address
  - Contact
  - Occupation (In the case of student, the name of school and grade)
  - Number of photos
  - Category
  - Title of photo
  - When the photo was taken
  - Where the photo was taken
  - Why you chose that picture
- All costs for entry (postal fee, communication costs etc.) will be on the responsibility of the applicant.

#### Restrictions on photo content:

- Photos with logos, advertisements, or signs that can be identified with a certain company or organization will not be eligible.
- When sending photos of people, all portrait rights and copyrights must be dealt with on the responsibility of the applicant.
- Only minor changes to the photo are allowed; changes in resolution, minor cropping and corrections in white balance. Composite photos will not be eligible.
- Any submission that violates laws or contains images deemed offensive to public order or morality will also be disqualified.

#### Treatment of photos:

- The copyright of all entries will belong to the host, and all photos (including those not awarded) will be used as a part of publicity by the host. All rights concerning the photo (portrait rights, copyrights etc.) must be dealt with by the applicant before entry.
- Photos will not be returned.
- Please note that award-winning works may be further inquired for information concerning photo (place photo was taken, date, data etc.).

#### Personal Information:

- Information will be used only for the cause of the contest and will be destroyed after the contest proceedings are over.

#### Judging:

- Photos will be judged on the basis of the quality of the photo, photographic techniques, and suitability with the contest theme.
- The judging committee consists of:
  - Chairman: Ryoichi Nagano (Photographer)
  - Kazunori Urushibara (Sojo University Department of Arts Director)
  - Kumamoto Nichinichi Newspaper Culture and Life Department Director
  - Kazuaki Hoshino (Kyushu Regional Environmental Office Director)
  - Kumamoto Prefecture

#### Results:

- Results will be out by March 2012, through the EPO Kyushu homepage
- Applicants of award-winning works will be directly notified.