

MANGA JIMAN COMPETITION 2016 – RULES & REGULATIONS

Write and illustrate an original *manga*

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.i The competition is open to all legal residents of the United Kingdom who are, or will be, over the age of fourteen (14) by 1 January 2017. The Embassy of Japan reserves the right to ask for proof of identity and address as a condition of winning.
- 1.ii If an entrant is under the age of eighteen (18), his/her parent or legal guardian must also complete and sign the official Competition Entry Form.
- 1.iii An entrant can submit more than one entry. Each submission must be accompanied by a different competition entry form.
- 1.iv The first-prize winner of the previous year's competition is not allowed to enter this year's competition. Second- and third-prize winners are eligible to enter again.

2. CONDITIONS

- 2.i The *manga* must be an original creation which has never been published or publicly displayed before. Collaborations are permitted.
- 2.ii The *manga* must be written in English.
- 2.iii The *manga* must be six to eight (6-8) pages in length and can either be a complete or part of a story. Each page must be A4 portrait size.
- 2.iv *Manga* must be drawn so that it reads from left to right.
- 2.v This year the *manga* must in some way refer to '**Sights of Japan**', which is not limited to locations in Japan but can also include everyday scenes or images of the country. Please highlight your reference on the entry form.
- 2.vi The entry must be in black and white. For initial judging purposes, all entries should be **photocopies** of the original artwork. The Embassy of Japan reserves the right to request original artwork from the winners for exhibition after the closing date of the competition.
- 2.vii Clearly print your name, on the back of each page of the photocopies.
- 2.viii The Embassy of Japan reserves the right to use any part of any entry for its own purposes.
- 2.ix Entries will only be accepted accompanied by an official and completed entry form downloaded from: www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/

- 2.x **Photocopied manga and completed entry forms** should be sent together to:

MANGA JIMAN COMPETITION 2016
Japan Information and Cultural Centre
Embassy of Japan
101/104 Piccadilly
London W1J 7JT

- 2.xi The closing date for receiving entries is **5pm, Monday 24 October 2016**. Late submissions will not be considered. The Embassy of Japan is not responsible for lost, delayed, incomplete or damaged entries. Entries sent electronically will not be accepted.
- 2.xii Regrettably, submissions cannot be returned nor any postage paid.
- 2.xiii The Embassy of Japan reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of this competition at any time without prior notice.

3. JUDGING CRITERIA

- 3.i Entries will be judged on originality, storytelling, layout and design, character design, use of onomatopoeia and other such signifiers of manga, artistic ability and style.
- 3.ii Entries will be judged by members of the Embassy of Japan, a panel of manga experts and publishing experts.
- 3.iii The judges' decision is final.

4. INELIGIBILITY

- 4.i An entry which does not meet the entry specifications will not be eligible.
- 4.ii Any entry which contains reference to, or explicit depiction of, gratuitous acts of violence or of a sexual nature, nudity, obscenity and indecency, and any actions deemed offensive or considered inappropriate for exhibition at the Embassy will be disqualified.
- 4.iii Employees of the Embassy of Japan and their families are not eligible to enter the competition.

5. PRIZES

- 5.i **First Prize (1): two (2) return air tickets to Japan with All Nippon Airways (ANA)*** – in the case that the winner is under the age of eighteen, he or she must be accompanied by his or her legal guardian or parent **or** have the consent of his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) to travel with someone else. *The winner is responsible for the payment of Air Passenger Duty (U.K. Departure tax) and Passenger Service Charges, the total of which as of 27 May 2016 amounts to approximately GBP£133.35 per ticket based on a return flight from London Heathrow to Tokyo Haneda. Please note the amount of Air Passenger Duty and Passenger Service Charge may change depending on airport and the exchange rate.
- 5.ii **Second Prize (1): an exciting prize which will be confirmed at a later date**
- 5.iii **Third Prize (1): one (1) digital camera from RICOH UK**
- 5.iv **Runners up (various): a selection of manga publications, available in the UK from various UK manga publishers; other prizes (tbc).**
- 5.v The winners' works will be displayed at the Embassy of Japan in a special manga competition exhibition.
- 5.vi Prizes are non-exchangeable, non-returnable, non-transferable and not redeemable for cash prizes.
- 5.vii A list of finalists will be available from the Embassy of Japan website (www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp) from late 2016 and prizes will be awarded in early 2017.
- 5.viii You agree, by your entry in this competition, that the Embassy of Japan can publicise your name on the Embassy of Japan's website if you are a winner.