

YONKOMA MANGA 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 aged 11, 12 or 13 by 1 January 2017. Entrants must be born between 2 January 2003 and 1 January 2006. The Embassy of Japan reserves the right to ask for proof of identity and address as a condition of winning.
- 1.ii The entrant's parent or legal guardian must also complete and sign the official Competition Entry Form.
- 1.iii An entrant can submit only one entry.

2. CONDITIONS

- 2.i The *manga* must be an original creation which has never been published or publicly displayed before.
- 2.ii The *manga* must be written in English.
- 2.iii The entry must be drawn on **one Yonkoma Sheet** which is A4 portrait size paper. A template can be found on the Embassy of Japan website. The story must finish within the four panels on one sheet i.e. stories which end 'to be continued' will not be accepted.
- 2.iv The entry can be created digitally or drawn by hand or a mixture of both. If drawn by hand, the finished entry must be inked with marker, pen or brush (**not left as pencil**).
- 2.v The entry can be in any style or genre (humour, action, adventure etc).
- 2. vi 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.vii The entry must be in black and white. For initial judging purposes, all entries should be a **photocopy** 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.viii Clearly print your full name and title of your entry on your photocopied entry.
- 2.ix The Embassy of Japan reserves the right to use any part of any entry for its own purposes.
- 2.x Entries will only be accepted accompanied by an official and completed entry form downloaded from: www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/
- 2.xi **Photocopied** manga and a **completed entry form** should be sent together to:

YONKOMA MANGA COMPETITION 2016
Japan Information and Cultural Centre
Embassy of Japan
101/104 Piccadilly
London W1J 7JT
- 2.xii 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.xiii Regrettably, submissions cannot be returned nor any postage paid.
- 2.xiv 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, 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 **1st Prize** A prize from the Japanese Gallery
- 5.ii Runners up will receive a selection of prizes
- 5.iii The winners' works will be displayed at the Embassy of Japan in a special manga competition exhibition.
- 5.iv Prizes are non-exchangeable, non-returnable, non-transferable and not redeemable for cash prizes.
- 5.v A list of finalists will be available from the Embassy of Japan website (www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp) late 2016 and prizes will be awarded in early 2017.
- 5.vi 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.