2nd Taiwan Red Cross Love Across Boundaries Humanitarian Photo Contest

Humanity is a virtue that emphasizes maintaining a positive and benevolent attitude towards others. It highlights offering help and compassion, such as reaching out to care for the wellbeing of others or working to improve their living conditions. It transcends all boundaries, as spontaneous humanitarian aid will be present where there is suffering. In tribute to the spirit of humanity, to discover even more stories of love and caring, and to encourage the practice of humanity, the Taiwan Red Cross is organizing the Second Annual Taiwan Red Cross "Love Across Boundaries" Humanitarian Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be showcased at the Humanitarian Photo Exhibition taking place on World Humanitarian Day, 19 August 2015.

I. Organizers

Organizer: Taiwan Red Cross

Co-organizer: Chung Hwa Photo Magazine

II. Participant Eligibility

Photography enthusiasts of all ages and nationalities are welcome to enter.

III. Theme

The Taiwan Red Cross hopes to promote the spirit of humanity and disseminate the value of humanity by documenting related events which have occurred domestically or while abroad. Actions that carry the spirit of humanity and that can inspire the contemplation of humanity can include disaster relief, caring for patients, post-disaster reconstruction, home care services, assisting individuals with disabilities, and helping international refugees.

The date, location and a brief description of the event must be provided along with the photograph. The story of the photo must be real. Fabrication and alteration are strictly prohibited. If an entrant violates the contest rules, the organizer reserves the right to terminate the entrant's eligibility to enter the contest. If any entrant is discovered to have violated the rules after being awarded, they will be disqualified and the organizer will revoke their prize money and award.

IV. Photograph Specifications

All submissions should be printed to 5x7 inch size and may be in color or black and white. Entries are not required to have been photographed during a certain time period. Entrants may submit more than one entry. The photograph should remain faithful to the original experience and not attempt to misrepresent the reality of the scene or setting. Mounting, edge effects, photo

montages, sandwich prints, and/or plagiarism will not be accepted. Photographs which were previously published or awarded are not eligible to enter. Photographs that do not adhere to the size requirements as outlined above will be disqualified.

Digital files should be at 8 megapixel or higher resolution and be in .TIF or in .JPG format with the highest compression ratio.

V. Entry Process

A. Entry Deadline

Submissions will be accepted by mail or in person from 1 March 2015 to 30 June 2015 at the following address:

Chung Hwa Photo Magazine 2F-12, 110 Hankou Street, Section 1 Zhongzheng District, Taipei 10044 Taiwan

Please print "Entry for 2nd Love Across Boundaries Photo Contest" on the envelope. All entries submitted by mail must be postmarked by the deadline, enveloped, and protected by hard board. If submitted in person, submissions should arrive at the collection desk during office hours (Monday to Friday, 08:30 to 17:30). Late submissions will not be accepted. The organizer does not bear any liability if the entries submitted are damaged during the delivery process or in case of unforeseen circumstances.

B. Judging

The organizer will invite a panel of judges to decide the winners in an impartial, fair, and transparent manner. Participants should respect the opinions of the judges and should not object to final results. Any entries that do not adhere to the contest specifications will be disqualified.

VI. Announcement of Results

Winners will be announced on the homepages of the Taiwan Red Cross (http://www.redcross.org.tw/) and Chung Hwa Photo Magazine (http://www.chphoto.com.tw/) by mid-August. Results will be printed in the 16 August version of *Chung Hwa Photo Magazine*. All winners will also be informed by mail of the date and venue of the photo contest awards ceremony.

VII. Prizes

A. Gold Award (1 winner)

A medal, a cash prize of NTD50,000, a free 3-year subscription to *Chung Hwa Photo Magazine*, plus the opportunity to join and photograph Red Cross staff on a humanitarian mission abroad. (If the Gold Award winner is unable to take part in the trip, the Silver Award winner will take their place.)

B. Silver Award (1 winner)

A medal, a cash prize of NTD20,000, and a free 3-year subscription to Chung Hwa Photo

Magazine.

C. Bronze Award (1 winner)

A medal, a cash prize of NTD10,000, and a free 3-year subscription to *Chung Hwa Photo Magazine*.

D. Merit Award (5 winners)

A certificate, a cash prize of NTD2,500, and a free 2-year subscription to *Chung Hwa Photo Magazine*.

E. Honorable Mention (20 winners)

A certificate, a cash prize of NTD1,000, and a free 1-year subscription to *Chung Hwa Photo Magazine*.

F. Judges' Award (10 winners)

A certificate, a souvenir, and a free 1-year subscription to Chung Hwa Photo Magazine.

G. Best Popularity Award (1 winner)

A certificate, a souvenir, and a free 1-year subscription to Chung Hwa Photo Magazine.

VIII. Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, 19 August 2015 (Venue TBA)

IX. Rules

- A. All entries will not be returned regardless of whether they are selected or not. Entrants are requested to keep the negative film or the digital file of all entries submitted. The organizer will not bear any liability for any damages to submitted entries before the selection process due to unforeseen circumstances.
- B. Entries should adhere to the contest theme and submission guidelines, and may not have been awarded in another photography contest.
- C. An entry form should be affixed to the back of each piece of artwork, and a separate copy should be used for each piece if more than one is submitted. If the information provided is incomplete or insufficient to identify the entrant, the entry will be disqualified.
- D. Winners should submit the digital file of their entry to the organizers within 3 to 5 days of being notified. Digital files should be at 8 megapixel or higher resolution and be in .TIF or in .JPG format with the highest compression ratio. Those unable to provide their digital file on time will be disqualified and their award will be awarded to another contestant.
- E. In submitting their entries, winning entrants grant the Taiwan Red Cross the exclusive right to use, reproduce, adopt, distribute, publish and publicly display any artwork awarded.
- F. The organizer may use any awarded entry photo for publicity, exhibition, and publication purposes with no prior notification and free of copyright fees.
- G. All Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Merit Awards may only be awarded to the same entrant more than once. Winning entrants may not withdraw from the contest.

- H. Recipients of cash-prizes will be required to pay the corresponding taxes as indicated by Taiwanese law. Those unwilling to cooperate will automatically forfeit their eligibility.
- I. By submitting, entrants agree to be bound by the Contest Rules and Conditions. Entrants that violate these rules will be disqualified. All entries must be the original work of the entrant. The organizer reserves the right to revoke the cash prize, trophy, certificate and other prizes awarded once any awarded entry is confirmed to be an infringement of copyright and/or the rights of others. The organizers will not assume any responsibilities associated with copyright infringement induced by the personal conduct of entrants.
- J. The organizers reserve the right to modify the Contest Rules and Conditions as and when necessary.

X. Contacts

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Humanitarian Photo Contest entry form						
(Please make a separate copy and affix to the back of each artwork submitted)						
Name			Gender		□Female	□Male
Address						
Telephone	(Day)	(Evening)		(Mobil	le)	
E-mail Address	@					
	Where did you hear about this contest?					
Copyright Transfer and Artist Consent form I,, agree that all copyright ownership for any submitted entry is transferred to the organizer, Taiwan Red Cross, should the entry be awarded.						
Artist's signature:						
Name of Artwork		Shooting Time and Location				
Brief description of the Event (under 150 words)						