

1st 「Love Across Boundaries」 Photo Contest: on Humanity

By Taiwan Red Cross

August 19 is World Humanitarian Day. It marks the day in 2003 when the lives of 22 UN aid workers were lost to a terrorist attack in Baghdad and is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of humanitarian work around the globe. Today, there are increasingly more natural disasters and armed conflicts between nations. Humanitarian aid is facing a more difficult challenge. We cannot help wondering, “can we really make it a better world on our own?” Don’t think so little of yourself. Taking a picture that strikes a chord can become an inspiring and moving force for change!

Humanity is associated with strengths such as love and kindness, focused on tending to and befriending others. It transcends beyond borders. Through humanity, the life, health and dignity of mankind are therefore preserved. In order to pay tribute to the spirit of humanity, discover more stories of love and caring, and encourage the practice of humanity, Taiwan Red Cross has decided to hold the first annual photo contest on humanity. Winning photographs will be showcased at the Photo Exhibition on Humanity taking place next spring.

I Organisers

Organiser : Taiwan Red Cross

Co-organiser: Chung Hwa Photo Magazine, National Dr.Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall

Media Co-organiser: Taiwan Public Television Service

Sponsors: Taiwan Construction Research Institute, Foryou Construction., Ltd

II Objective

It is important to promote the spirit of humanity and disseminate the value of humanity through documenting profound events which occurred at home or abroad. Actions that carry the spirit of humanity and events that can inspire the contemplation of humanity can be disaster relief, patient assistance, post-disaster reconstruction, home care services, assisting individuals with disability, helping international refugees, etc. 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 rule, the

organizer reserves the right to terminate the entrant's eligibility to enter the contest. If any entrant's violation of the rule is caught after winning, the entrant will be disqualified and the organizer will revoke the prize money and the award.

III Participant eligibility

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

IV Conditions

1. Photo Specifications

All photographs submitted must be printed to 5x7 inch size and taken by a camera with 8 megapixels or higher resolution. Entries are not required to have been photographed during a certain time period. Entrants can 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 effect, photo montage, 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 are ineligible to enter.

2. Please affix an entry form to the back of each piece of artwork and make a separate copy for each work submitted if you submit more than one piece. If the information provided is incomplete or insufficient to identify the entrant, the entry will be disqualified.

V Entry process

1. Entry deadline

Photographs can be submitted between August 19 and October 31 to **Chung Hwa Photo Magazine** at **2F – 12, 110 Hankou Street, Section 1, Zhongzheng District, Taipei** and delivered by registered mail or in person. All pieces must be enveloped and protected by hard board. Please print "for 1st Love Across Boundaries Photo Contest" on the envelope.

The organizer does not bear any liability if the entries submitted are damaged during the delivery process or in case of unforeseen circumstances. All entries submitted by mail must be postmarked by the deadline. If the entry is submitted in person, it should arrive at the collection desk during office hours. Late submissions will not be considered.

2. Judging

(1) A preliminary review of the eligibility of all entries will be conducted by the organizer.

Any entries that do not match the specifications or with incomplete information to identify the entrant will be disqualified.

(2) The organizer will invite a panel of judges consisting of 7 members, including

photographic, journalism and art experts along with recommended professionals to start the selection of winners on November 14 -15. Depending on the volume of entries, the panel of judges will pick 40 entries for the second round of selection, based on which of the submitted photos best reflect the spirit of the contest. Of the 40 finalists, the three best entries will be awarded Gold Prize, Silver Prize, and Bronze Prize respectively. There will be 7 winners for Merit Award and 30 winners for Honorable Mention. The 10 Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit awards will be awarded to one entrant each. . The decision of the judging panel shall be final.

- (3) Judging criteria: reflection of the spirit of humanity (40%), photography skills (30%), image quality (15%), and creativity (15%). The panel of judges will make a comprehensive evaluation.
- (4) The organizer will inform the 40 finalists on November 16th and request the submission of the electronic (original) file or the film before November 20th to Chung Hwa Photo Magazine at 2F-12, 110 Hankou Street, Section 1, Taipei. The electronic files can also be submitted via email to chp.news@msa.hinet.net in order to enter the competition for the Facebook Best Popularity Award. Failure to submit the original file in time is grounds for disqualification. The file of the winning entry will be named as “the name of the artist – the name of the artwork.”
- (5) Best Popularity Award: all 40 final entries will be entered into the competition for Best Popularity Award held on the Facebook page of Taiwan Red Cross. The link is: www.facebook.com/roc.redcross The competition will run from November 26 to 15:00 on December 26. All 40 final entries will be uploaded to the Facebook album of “Love Across Boundaries” Photo Contest on Humanity and the most-liked entry will win Best Popularity Award.
- (6) Winners will be announced on the website of Taiwan Red Cross and Chung Hwa Photo Magazine on December 27 at <http://www.redcross.org.tw/> and <http://www.chphoto.com.tw/> All winners will also be informed by mail of the date and venue of the photo contest award presentation.

VI Prizes

1. Gold Award (1 winner)

A trophy, a cash prize of 30,000 TWD and a free 3-year subscription to Chung Hwa Photo Magazine, plus the opportunity to join and photograph the Red Cross staff on a humanitarian mission abroad. (If the Gold Award winner is unable to join the mission trip, the Silver Award winner will take their place.)

2. Silver Award (1 winner)

A trophy, a cash prize of 20,000 TWD and a free 3-year subscription to Chung Hwa

Photo Magazine.

3. Bronze Award (1 winner)

A trophy, a cash prize of 10,000 TWD and a free 3-year subscription to Chung Hwa Photo Magazine.

4. Merit Award (7 winners)

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

5. Honourable Mention (30 winners)

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

6. Best Popularity Award (1 winner)

A certificate and a cash prize of 3,000 TWD.

VII Rules

1. 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.
2. In submitting their entries, winning entrants grant the organiser the exclusive right to use, reproduce, adopt, distribute, publish and publicly display any artwork awarded. The organiser can use any awarded entry photo for publicity, exhibition, and publication purposes and no prior notification and copyright fee will be given.
3. Winning entrants cannot withdraw from the contest.
4. All entries must be the original work of the entrant. The organiser 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.
5. By submitting, entrants agree to be bound by the Contest Rules and Conditions.

VIII Note

1. Anything not mentioned above shall be explained and defined by the organiser.
2. Contact: Ms. Huang, Taiwan Red Cross on +886 2 2362 8232 ext. 206
Ms. Chen, Chung Hwa Photo Magazine on +886 2 2381 2378

**「Love Across Boundaries」 Photo Contest on Humanity
by Taiwan Red Cross entry form**

(Please make a separate copy and affix to the back of each artwork submitted)

Name		Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Address			
Telephone	(Day)	(Evening)	(Mobile)
E-mail address	@		
	Where did you get the information of the contest? _____		
Copyright Transfer and Artist Consent form			
I, _____, agree that all copyright ownership for any submitted entry is transferred to the organiser, Taiwan Red Cross, should the entry be awarded.			
Artist' s signature :			
Name of artwork		Shooting time and location	
A brief description of the event (within 150 words)			