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Happy Schools Art Contest!

What does a Happy School look like to you?

A happy learner is more likely to be a thriving one – better able to solve problems and apply critical thinking skills, more self-confident and likelier to form and foster positive relationships with others. Happy learners require Happy Schools, those that ensure the holistic development and well-being of students and the wider school community.

In today's rapidly changing world, we are faced with increasing mobility, life stress, competition, information overload, inequalities and environmental concerns. As these symptoms of 'unhappiness' begin to emerge, the [Happy Schools Project](#) calls for the need for education systems to reposition the school as more than a service for educational instruction, but rather, an environment which allows for social and emotional growth and development for learners to contribute to a more peaceful, just and equitable world.

As part of UNESCO Bangkok's Happy Schools Project, this art contest seeks to capture actions, moments and ideas that are promoting happiness in schools. All residents of the Asia-Pacific region are invited to submit images of any kind (photos, drawings, cartoons, paintings, graphics, and posters) along with a caption/description that captures the concept of Happy Schools. The concept centers on the following initial set of criteria:



Table 1:

People	Process	Place
Friendship with other students (of the same or across grades)	Teamwork learning (help and support from other students)	Outdoor playing and green spaces
Good relationship between students and teachers	Learning content is useful for daily life	Creative visual displays
Helping students with special needs	Reasonable workload (homework and exams)	A warm and friendly learning environment
Support from local community	Freedom to express opinion in school and in the classroom	Comfortable for students with different needs and backgrounds
Parental encouragement	Interesting and engaging learning activities	Good nutrition
School Leadership	Frequent feedback from teachers	School is safe and free from bullying, stress and competition
	Extra-curricular activities	
	Learning outside the classroom	

Submission Process, Submission Requirements and Disclaimers

Submission Process:

1. Please fill this [form](#) providing the caption/description for each of your image(s) as well as your details such as full name, nationality, etc.
2. Please upload each digital image(s) through our [upload function](#) by Sunday 10 January 2016.
3. The competition is open to people of all ages residing in the Asia-Pacific region. This includes students, teachers, school leaders and parents. The competition also welcomes submissions from amateur and professional artists, photographers and designers.
4. The top three winners will be invited to present their image at a special launch event to coincide with the **International Day of Happiness** (20 March 2016) to be held in Bangkok, Thailand.
5. The winner will be notified via email shortly before the event and announced on the UNESCO Bangkok Office website thereafter.

Submission Requirements:

1. Each entrant can submit up to three (3) high-resolution images of any kind
2. Entrants must be residents of the Asia-Pacific region
3. The photographs must be named in the following format:

For example: Your name is Antony Chee Lee and you submit 2 photos.

The file names should be: ac-lee#1.jpeg, ac-lee#2.jpeg

Technical Specifications:

1. Each image must be saved originally in Jpeg or png file format and must not be larger than 25 MB in size when submitting through the upload function. Images larger than 25MB should be submitted by including a link to dropbox or another cloud service.
2. Digital adjustments are only acceptable if limited to minor cleaning work, levels, curves, color, saturation and contrast work.

Judging Criteria:

Images will be judged by an independent panel from both within and outside of UNESCO based on the following four criteria:

1. Relevance of the image to the theme of Happy Schools and to one (or more) of the initial criteria noted in Table 1 on the page 1.
2. Relevance of the caption to the theme of Happy Schools and to one (or more) of the initial criteria noted in Table 1 on page 1.
3. Creativity, originality and artistic content of the image

4. Technical quality of the image

Disclaimers:

COPYRIGHT: The entrant must be the sole author and owner of the copyright. Entrants must not infringe on the privacy rights, copyright or other rights of any other person. Permission has been sought from any persons, adults or children, who are featured in the image(s). By entering your photograph into the competition, you grant UNESCO the non-commercial right to use your images in its work. Entrants' names will be credited on the photographs in case of such usage by UNESCO.

AGREEMENT: At the time of entry, entrants are deemed to have read, understood and be in agreement with all rules and conditions. The organizer reserves the right to rule on any issue(s) not covered by these rules and disclaimers. In the event that an entrant should disagree with any decision made by the organizer, that entrant will have the right to withdraw his or her entry. All related expenses incurred shall be borne solely by the entrant. The organizers are not responsible for failure of receipt, loss or damage of any photographs entered in the competition.

[Happy Schools Art Contest Submission Form](#)

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