

2017 KOGEI WORLD COMPETITION in KANAZAWA

Application Deadline: Friday, August 19, 2016

The Kogei World Competition in Kanazawa is an international competition meant to convey to the world what is new in kogei ("craft").

This competition serves to pursue artistic works that demonstrate a rich sense of expressivity, using the techniques and skill cultivated within the world of kogei to bring excellent concepts and ideas to life.

The goal is to find not just items that demonstrate superior artistic technique, but also kogei works that sharply demonstrate a deep sense of expressiveness of contemporary ideas.

The materials and techniques to be used include ceramics, metal, dyeing and weaving, lacquer, dolls, wood, bamboo, glass, leather, cloissoné, paper, and more.

We look forward to seeing the items you submit, providing a taste of a new era.

[Application Requirements]

- People of every nationality and age are welcome to submit works.
- Items submitted must have been produced within the past three years by individuals or groups, and must not have been previously exhibited in museums or won awards.

[Application Limit]

Maximum one item per individual (or group).

[Application Guidelines]

1. Items that employ a modern point of view, using characteristic techniques and materials cultivated by kogei, seasoned with individuality and expression, for items that demonstrate freedom and individuality distinct to the modern era.
2. Items made with ceramics, metal, dyeing and weaving, lacquer, dolls, wood, bamboo, glass, leather, cloissoné, paper, and more, or some combination thereof.
3. Item shape and size
Item shape: Three-dimensional or flat items.
Item size: Combined height, width, and depth of no more than 300 cm, with a weight of no more than 50 kg.
(For flat items, frame size and weight are included within these restrictions)

[Application Procedure and Guidelines]

Applications can be submitted using the application form on our web site. Please see our web site for application guidelines and details. If you wish to apply through the mail, we can send you an application form and the application guidelines. Please contact our secretariat.

[Exhibition Fee] 5,000JPY per item

There is an exhibition fee of 5,000JPY per item submitted by applicants who are residents of Japan. This fee is waived for applicants who live outside of Japan.

[Judgment Schedule]

1. Application Deadline: Friday, August 19, 2016

2. First Judging Round: Early September, 2016

The photos of the items and materials submitted by the applicants will undergo an initial judging round.

3. Final Judgment: Mid October, 2016

The judges will inspect the items firsthand, and decide the winners of awards.

[Exhibition]

Items that pass the first judging round, as well as the items receiving awards, will be placed on exhibit at the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa from January 21 to February 11, 2017, for the 3rd Triennale of Kogei in Kanazawa.

[Judges]

Ronald T. Labaco

Independent Curator; Former Senior Curator at Museum of Arts and Design, New York

Hyeoung Cho

Art Director, Cheongju International Craft Biennale;
Specialist in Contemporary Korean Craft

KARASAWA Masahiro

Chief curator of Craft at the National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo

OHI Toyasai

Ceramic artist; Recipient of the Order of Culture;
Member of the Japan Art Academy

NAKAGAWA Mamoru

Metal craft artist; Holder of important intangible cultural property

AKIMOTO Yuji

Director of 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa;
Director/Professor of the University Art Museum, Tokyo University of the Arts

[Awards]

Grand Prize: 1,000,000 JPY (1 winner)

Merit Award: 500,000 JPY (1 winner)

Special Recognition Award: 100,000 JPY (6 winners)

Award winners are requested to attend the award ceremony. Grand Prize and Merit Award winners (or a representative of any group winning either) are requested to attend the award ceremony and to appear at the podium during the talk event. In order to ensure that Grand Prize and Merit Award winners may appear at the award ceremony and appear at the podium during the seminar, partial payment of lodging and/or travel expenses will be provided.

Award Ceremony: Saturday, January 21, 2017

Talk Event: Sunday, January 22, 2017 (planned)

Please see our website for application guidelines and the application form

<http://kanazawa-kogeitriennale.com>

For Questions and Submissions

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