



THE INTERNATIONAL COIN DESIGN COMPETITION 2008

ENTRY INFORMATION

Japan Mint will hold **the International Coin Design Competition (ICDC) 2008** in order to encourage coin designers around the world in their creative activities and enhance the artistry of their coin designs. We wish this event leads to the finding of many excellent works and look forward to your creative, artistic and beautiful coin designs.

CATEGORIES & QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY

- (1) GENERAL: Sketch and plaster model of coin design are required.
All ages and nationalities are eligible for the entry. Entrants do not have to be professionals, but please take notice that entrants should be qualified for submitting a pair of plaster models at the final stage.
- (2) STUDENT: Sketch of coin design is required.
Any students who are registered at any schools and were born on or after August 31, 1978 are qualified for the entry.

PRIZES

- (1) GENERAL: Most excellent work (1 work): 500,000 yen, an award plaque and a medal based on your design
Excellent work (1 work): 200,000 yen, an award plaque and a medal based on your design
Fine works (3 works): 100,000 yen
- (2) STUDENT: Future designer (1 work): 50,000 yen, an award plaque
- (3) GENERAL/STUDENT: Jury's special award: 50,000 yen
Note: The prizes may not be granted if no works deserve the awards.

JUDGING PROCESS

- (1) GENERAL: Judging process consists of two stages as follows:
- a. Preliminary Stage: The jury will select about five designs for the final stage from works submitted by entrants.
 - b. Final Stage: The jury will select prizewinning works from plaster models of the designs selected at the preliminary stage.
- (2) STUDENT: The jury will select a prizewinning work from designs submitted by entrants.
Note: Jury's special award will be granted to the works submitted by entrants whose remarkable performance in the future is expected.

DEADLINE

Entrants are requested to submit their designs **not later than August 31, 2008**.

REGULATIONS

- I. Common to both GENERAL and STUDENT categories
 - (1) Each entrant may set a theme freely for his/her work.
 - (2) Works for entry are limited to ones unpublished and original.
 - (3) Each entrant may submit up to three works to GENERAL and STUDENT categories altogether.
 - (4) Designs must be drawn in accordance with the following way;
 - a. Designs must be drawn in two circles of 120mm in a diameter (The obverse design should be in the left and the reverse design should be in the right) on a sheet of 210mm X 297mm (A4) size paper.
 - b. Designs must be drawn on the assumption that they are to be for a 30mm coin.
 - c. Any drawing materials are acceptable.
 - d. Designs must not be crumpled or folded.
- II. Rules of plaster models (GENERAL category only)
 - (1) Entrants qualified for the final stage will be required to submit a pair of plaster models which are made on the basis of the selected designs at the preliminary stage.
 - (2) Plaster models should be engraved designs on a plaster base with an internal diameter of 120 mm. Further details will be informed to the qualified entrants later.
 - (3) Entrants may ask other persons to make plaster models for them at their own expense if it is difficult for them to make plaster models by themselves.

NOTICES

- (1) The works (designs and plaster models) submitted to the Competition are not returned to the entrants.
- (2) Entrants take the responsibility of sending the works to the described address and bear the expense. Japan Mint is not responsible for any damages of the works caused under the shipment.
- (3) Japan Mint obtains the copyright of the submitted works. The Mint could utilize designs and/or plaster models of the works for the following purposes:
 - a. Production and sales of medals
 - b. Posting on the Mint's website and the brochures with regard to the ICDC
 - c. Any other business of Japan Mint
- (4) In case that disputes with third persons occur over copy rights and any other rights in regard to the submitted works, the entrants shall be blamed for the disputes and shall solve them.
- (5) The submitted works might be revised when Japan Mint uses them for the designs of medals.
- (6) The prizewinners should submit their photographic portraits and personal resumes at the request from the Mint that has the validity to utilize them for the purposes as described on (3).
- (7) Japan Mint cannot accept any inquiries referring to the results of the competition.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Please attach your paper on the reverse side of your sketches and send to the address described below. The paper should be written in Japanese or English and consist of:

- Name
- Birth Date (Day, Month, Year)
- Postal Code, Country, Address
- Telephone number, Fax number and E-mail address
- Category (GENERAL or STUDENT)
- Name of your school (entrants in STUDENT category only)
- Theme and brief description of your designs
- How you knew about this competition

WHERE TO SEND

“Secretariat of ICDC 2008”

JAPAN MINT

1-79, Temma 1-Chome, Kita-ku, Osaka

530-0043 JAPAN

(Please write “COIN DESIGN” in red on the envelope.)

THE JUDGING RESULTS

(1) Preliminary Stage: The result of the judging will be directly informed to the entrants by **September 30, 2008**. The scheduled deadline for the submission of plaster models is **November 28, 2008**.

(2) Final Results: The final results of the judging for both GENERAL and STUDENT categories will be directly informed to each prizewinner by **December 31, 2008**.

Note: Qualified works for the final stage and prizewinning works will be reported on the website of Japan Mint (<http://www.mint.go.jp/eng/event/icdc.html>). No results will be informed to unsuccessful applicants. The Most excellent work and the Excellent work will be exhibited at the venue of the Tokyo International Coin Convention to be held in May 2009.

JURY

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Information about the Competition is also available on the website of Japan Mint (http://www.mint.go.jp/eng/event/icdc.html)
