



THE INTERNATIONAL COIN DESIGN COMPETITION 2009

ENTRY INFORMATION

The Japan Mint will hold **the International Coin Design Competition (ICDC) 2009** with the objective of encouraging creativity and enhancing the artistry of coin designs. We hope this competition will lead to the discovery of many excellent works, and look forward to your creative, artistic and beautiful coin designs.

□ CATEGORIES & ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) **GENERAL:** A sketch and a pair of plaster models of the coin design are required.
All ages and nationalities are eligible to enter. Entrants do not have to be professionals, but please take notice that entrants should be capable of submitting a pair of plaster models at the final stage.
- (2) **STUDENT:** A sketch of the coin design is required.
Any student who is registered at any school and was born on or after August 31, 1979 is qualified to enter.

□ PRIZES

- (1) **GENERAL:** Most Excellent Work (1 award): 500,000 yen, an award plaque, and a medal based on your design
Excellent Work (1 award): 200,000 yen, an award plaque, and a medal based on your design
Fine Work (3 awards): 100,000 yen
- (2) **STUDENT:** Future Designer (1 award): 50,000 yen and 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.
Taxes will be deducted from the prize money.

□ JUDGING PROCESS

- (1) **GENERAL:** The judging process consists of the following two stages:
- a. Preliminary Stage: The jury will select about five designs for the final stage from the works submitted by entrants.
- b. Final Stage: The jury will select the prizewinning works from plaster models of the designs selected at the preliminary stage.
- (2) **STUDENT:** The jury will select a prizewinning work from the designs submitted by entrants.

Note: The Jury's Special Award will be granted to works submitted by entrants who show outstanding promise for the future.

□ ENTRY PERIOD

The designs to be entered must arrive at the Japan Mint not later than:

- (1) **GENERAL:** Monday, August 31st, 2009
(2) **STUDENT:** Tuesday, September 15th, 2009

REGULATIONS

- I. Common to both GENERAL and STUDENT categories
 - (1) Each entrant may adopt whatever theme he/she wishes for his/her work.
 - (2) Works for entry must be unpublished and original.
 - (3) Each entrant may submit up to three works in total in the GENERAL and STUDENT categories combined.
 - (4) Designs must be drawn in accordance with the following specifications:
 - a. Designs must be drawn in two circles 120 mm in diameter (the obverse design should be on the left and the reverse design should be on the right) on a sheet of 210 mm x 297 mm (A4) paper.
 - b. Designs must be drawn on the assumption that they are to be for a 30-mm coin.
 - c. Any drawing materials are acceptable.
 - d. Designs may not be creased or folded.

- II. Rules for plaster models (GENERAL category only)
 - (1) Entrants who qualify for the final stage will be required to submit a pair of plaster models made on the basis of the designs selected at the preliminary stage.
 - (2) Plaster models should be engraved designs on a plaster base with an internal diameter of 120 mm. Qualified entrants will be notified of further details 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 such models themselves.

NOTES

- (1) Works (designs and plaster models) submitted to the Competition will not be returned to the entrants.
- (2) Entrants are responsible for sending works to the designated address at their own expense. The Japan Mint is not responsible for any damage to works during shipment.
- (3) The Japan Mint shall hold the copyright to submitted works. The Mint may utilize designs and/or plaster models of the works for the following purposes:
 - a. Production and sales of medals
 - b. Posting on the Japan Mint Web site and in brochures about the ICDC
 - c. Any other business of the Japan Mint
- (4) In the event that a dispute with a third person occurs concerning copyright or any other rights in regard to the submitted works, the entrants shall bear responsibility for such disputes and shall resolve them themselves.
- (5) Submitted works may be revised if the Japan Mint uses them for medal designs.
- (6) Prizewinners shall submit photographic portraits and personal resumes at the request of the Japan Mint, which has the right to utilize them for the purposes described in (3) above.
- (7) The Japan Mint cannot accept any inquiries concerning the results of the competition.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Please attach a paper containing your information to the reverse side of your sketches and send them to the address given below. The information should be written in Japanese or English and consist of:

- Name and title (Mr./Mrs./Ms.)
- Date of birth (Day, Month, Year)
- Address, including country and zip/post code
- Telephone number, fax number, and E-mail address
- Category (GENERAL or STUDENT)
- Name of your school (entrants in STUDENT category only)
- Title of the work

- Theme and brief description of your designs
- How you knew about this competition

ADDRESS FOR ENTRIES

ICDC 2009 Secretariat, Japan Mint
1-79 Temma 1-chome
Kita-ku, Osaka
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(Please write "COIN DESIGN" in red on the envelope.)

JUDGING RESULTS

- (1) Preliminary Stage: Successful entrants will be informed directly of the results of the judging by **early October, 2009**. The scheduled deadline for the submission of plaster models for the final stage will be **by the end of November, 2009**.
- (2) Final Results: Prizewinners will be informed of the final results of the judging for both the GENERAL and STUDENT categories **by the end of December, 2009**.

Note: Information on the works that have qualified for the final stage and prizewinning works will be published on the Japan Mint Web site (<http://www.mint.go.jp/eng/event/icdc.html>). Unsuccessful entrants will not be informed. Winners of the Most Excellent Work and Excellent Work awards will be exhibited at the Tokyo International Coin Convention to be held in May 2010.

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