



2.About The International High School Students' Photo Festival Exchange

19 selected teams from overseas and 3 selected schools in Japan gather in Higashikawa, the "Town of Photography" and take photos of beautiful scenery around the town.
 * The outline of the festival can be changed without prior notice.



A Duration of the Invitation

Thursday, August 2nd, 2018 to Thursday, August 9th, 2018 (7 nights 8 days)

B Duration of the Festival

Friday, August 3rd, 2018 to Wednesday, August 8th, 2018

C Main Venues

- ① Higashikawa Arts Exchange Center
- ② Viewpoints in Higashikawa

D Schedule

- August 2 (Thu)
 - Arrive at Higashikawa
 - Taking a group pictures
- August 3 (Fri)
 - Opening Ceremony
 - Welcome Lunch Party
 - Observing Japanese High School Students' Photo Competition
- August 4 (Sat)
 - Orientation
- August 5 (Sun)
 - Photo session-1
 - Photo selection-1
- August 6 (Mon)
 - Photo session-2
 - Photo selection-2
 - Presentation-1
- August 7 (Tue)
 - Photo session-3
 - Photo selection-3
 - Presentation-2
- August 8 (Wed)
 - Presentation-3
 - Sightseeing
 - Award ceremony & Closing party
- August 9 (Thu)
 - Departure

E Contents of the Festival

Each team will participate in 3 photo sessions based on themes and categories specific to the place and time (cameras and memory cards to be used will be provided by the organizer).
 After photo sessions, each team will select a series of 6 photos as well as 2 photos per person, all of which will be titled. Computers and printers will be provided by the organizer.

F Judging

Judges will be consisted of 7 people, 2 from overseas and 5 from Japan, who are photographers and other specialists in the field.

G Festival awards

Awards	School	Individual	Notes
The Higashikawa "Town of Photography" Award(Gold Award)	One school	One person	Award certificate and extra prize
Higashikawa Tourism Association Award (Silver Award)	One school	One person	Award certificate and extra prize
Hokko Gakuen Award(Bronze Award)	One school	One person	Award certificate and extra prize
Students and Teachers' Choice Award	Two schools	Three people	Prize
Special Award(Online voting)	Two schools	Three people	Prize

Special Award is selected by vote on the internet (votes are held on each photo session day).



The 4th International High School Students' Photo Festival Exchange (International Youth Photo Festival)

Application Guidelines (For overseas schools)



HIGASHIKAWA HOKKAIDO JAPAN
 — THE TOWN OF PHOTOGRAPHY —

[Organizer]

International High School Students' Photo Festival Exchange Executive Committee

<Affiliated Group>

Higashikawa Town / Higashikawa Tourism Association / Higashikawa Board of Education / Educational Foundation Hokko Gakuen / Higashikawa Development Corporation Inc. / Nishikawa Foods Inc. / Toko Hire Co., Ltd

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"The Town of Photography" Higashikawa

In June 1985, Higashikawa was declared the only "Town of Photography" in the world, with the aim of using international exchange and photography culture to open the town to the world and share the harmony between nature and culture uniquely found there.



Purpose for organizing the festival

Since being declared the Town of Photography about 30 years ago, "The Culture Capital of Photography" Higashikawa aims to make the town with good balance of nature and culture for the future. As the center of photo culture for people across the world, we organize this festival to encourage students to develop friendships through photo culture and promote international understanding.



Outline for the festival

We are looking for works (a series of photos) from the countries and areas listed below, where we currently have established international exchanges. The selection will be held in each country and area. The 19 selected schools from overseas (one school per country and area) and 3 selected schools from Japan will participate in the festival (held in the "Town of Photography" Higashikawa).

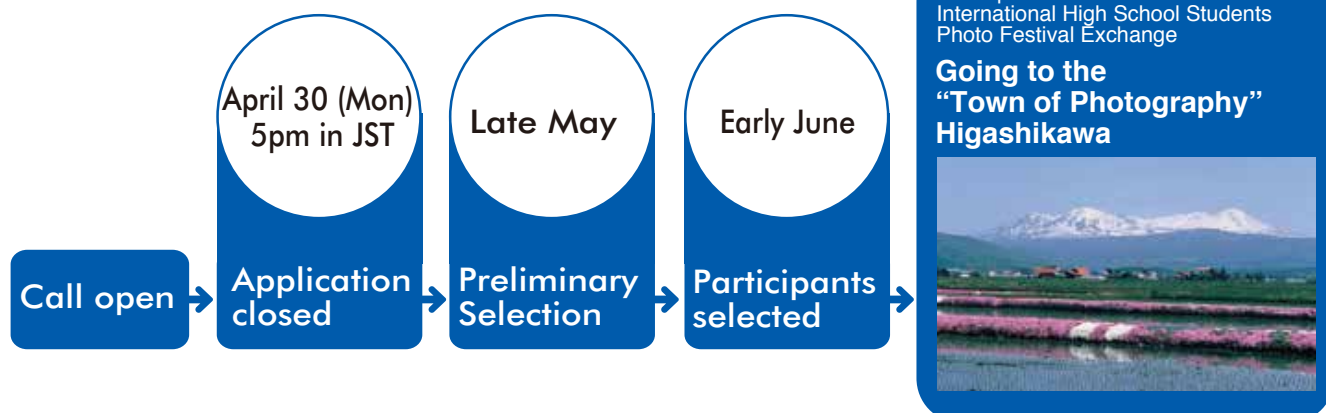
< 19 international teams (cities, districts and towns are designated by the organizer) >

Country/Area	City/District/Town
China	Beijing
South Korea	Yeongwol County
Taiwan	Taipei, New Taipei City and Keelung
Thailand	
Vietnam	
Uzbekistan	Tashkent
Indonesia	Bandung
Australia	Canberra
Canada	Canmore
Latvia	Rujiena
USA	New York
Myanmar	Yangon
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur
Singapore	Singapore
Finland	Kangasala
Poland	Warsaw
Marshall Islands	Majuro
Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar
Russia	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk



* Applications from countries and areas not listed above will not be accepted.

* The selection process of preliminary selection is different depending on the countries and area. Please contact your local coordinator.



A Eligibility

- Submit a team of three students enrolled in high school or other educational institution that equivalent to Japanese high school.
 - There should be one accompanied teacher who takes part as a advisor.
 - Students from either full or part-time courses are acceptable.
 - Students who do not belong to a photography club can still apply if they make a team. When you apply, please choose a teacher to participate with students and obtain consent from your principal to participate in the festival.
 - Generally, all participants of the team should come from the same school. If you wish to make a team of students from different schools, please contact the committee.
- High school students who have interest in international exchange through photography with other participants from foreign country or region.



B Theme none

C Rules for Application

- Only digital photos will be accepted.
- Only unpublished photos will be accepted (photos which have not been awarded a prize in other contest). If after the school selection process, the committee finds out one or more photos have been published or similar work in the submitted works, permission to participate may be withdrawn)
- One team per school can apply for the competition. More than one team will not be accepted.
- Submit a series of 6 photos.
- Submit the works by e-mail. Only works in JPEG format and resolutions higher than 6 megapixels will be accepted. If the works have large file sizes, please send them through reliable file hosting services.
- File names should be renamed only by numbers. (Example: "#1", "#2", "#3", etc.)
- Complete the "Application form" with the signature of the principal as permission to participate in the festival. The application forms should be converted to PDF format and submitted with the works by e-mail.
- Please note that any submitted works will be exhibited in exhibitions held by the organizer, used for printings and publications, and uploaded on the website without any charge.

D Application Deadline

Application must be received by 5pm on Monday, April 30th, 2018 (Japan Standard Time)

E E-mail address for submitting the works

E-mail: kouryu@town.higashikawa.hokkaido.jp
 *When submitting your application, please write "Application for International High School Students Photo Festival Exchange" in the subject line. We will send you a reply, so please register the domain "@town.higashikawa.hokkaido.jp" to receive e-mail from the festival committee office.
 *Local coordinator: Ms. Leena Pajukoski
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F Selection Method

Submitted works will be assessed by a panel of judges for each country and area, and they will make the final selection of participants for the festival.

G Result Announcement

- Preliminary selection will be held in late May.
- The Executive Committee will announce the results in early June on the website, and also contact all entrants by email.
- Plaques and award certificates will be sent to the selected schools.
- The submitted works will be exhibited in the main venue during the festival.

H Expenses

The festival committee is responsible for travel expenses from the nearest airport to Higashikawa and the accommodations for participants (three students and a teacher). All meals during the festival are also provided by the organizer.



