Japan Handicraft Instructors' Association

The 18th Quilt Nihon Exhibition 2025

Entry Term : July 1st-24th, 2025

Eligibility : No restrictions

Entry :

Category A : Traditional (Inspired and based on traditional ideas.)

- Category B : Contemporary(Demonstrate originality and independent ideas.)
- Category C : Miniature (Quilts must measure less than or equal to 60 cm on each side. All aspects of the quilt are reduced in scale and miniaturization.)

Regulations Entry Rules :

- Category A,B : Size of the work must not be smaller than 120cm (47 1/4in.) and must not exceed 230cm (90 1/2in.) both in the width and length (maximum 230× 230cm, minimum 120×120cm).
- Category C : Finished quilt must be smaller than 60×60cm vertically and horizontally. If blocks are used, they should be no larger than 10 cm square.
- Work must consist of a top, the batting, the backing and these three layers must be held together by hand or machine quilting or other methods.
- Work must be completed after July, 2023 and must be original. Any works that have appeared in any copyrighted publications (such as magazines, books or newspapers), any contests, any competitions, and exhibitions (excluding private exhibitions), and/or any internet sites other than quilters' own site are not eligible.
- Quilts must be constructed and quilted by the person named on the entry form.
- Entries are limited to two per person.
- Framed work is not acceptable.

Examination fee :

- First judging (photo screening): Free of charge
- Second round of judging (actual product judging): 8800 JPY for Category A and B, and 5500JPY for Category C

Jurors of Exhibition : To be confirmed

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The Award Winning Quilts Exhibition Award : The Award Winning Quilts Exhibition will tour Japan and overseas.

- Grand Prize : Selected 1 work each from all categories (A, B and C) as Gold Awards, and pick 1 work from them as this Award.
 Total Monetary Award of 1,000,000 JPY.
- Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Encouragement Award (Gold Award) : Selected 1 work each from all categories (A, B and C) as Gold Awards, and pick 1 work from them as this Award.
 Monetary Award of 500,000 JPY.
- Governor of Tokyo Award (Gold Award) : Selected 1 work each from all categories (A, B and C) as Gold Awards, and pick 1 work from them as this Award.
 Monetary Award of 300,000 JPY.
- Silver Award : Given to 1 work each from Category A, B and C. ...Monetary Award of 100,000 JPY.
- **Bronze Award** : Given to 1 work each from Category A, B and C. •••Monetary Award of 30,000 JPY.
- Jurors' Encouragement Award : Given to 1 work from all Categories (A, B and C) by each juror to encourage one's future creative activity.
 ... Commemorative items.
- Publisher's Award (Quilts Japan Award, other) : Given to 1 work each from Category A, B and C per publishers. Each awarded work will appear on awarding publisher's print media.
 …Free subscription for 2 years.
- Corporate Award(NIHON VOUGE CO., LTD. Award, etc.) : The corporations that support this exhibition select 1 work from all categories.
 ...Commemorative items.
- Honorable Mention : Approximately 25 works will be selected from all Categories.

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- JHIA Encouragement Award* : Given to 1 work from the works created by quilters born after 1985.
 - ··· Monetary Award of 50,000 JPY.

*JHIA Encouragement Award

This award is to encourage young quilters. The recipient will be chosen from the winners under the age of 40(born after January1, 1985). There will be a case when no one is eligible of this award.

The Award Winning Quilts Exhibition tour Japan and overseas. The 17th Exhibition : JAPAN ····Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum (TBC) and more Overseas ····To be confirmed

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Corporate Sponsors : NIHON VOGUE CO., LTD and more (TBC)

Other :

- The award winning works will be published in our newsletter and on our website. The organizer shall retain the right to publish any works entered into the contest.
- The award winning works will be held until the end of September 2027.
- The organizer may cancel any prizes and awards that violate the entry rules.
- The organizer will insure the entered works, and take utmost precautions in the handing and maintenance of the works, but cannot be held responsible for damage due to inherent properties of materials used, construction defects, natural disasters, or other factors beyond its control.