

The 49th Exhibition Children's Art for the Science of Tomorrow Rules of Entry



Entries are accepted in either English or Japanese.

1. Category and eligibility

"International and Foreign School Section", for students of international and foreign schools (1st through 9th grade)

2. Drawing materials and size requirements

- ① Any medium such as paint, crayons, or marker pens can be used so as long as the entry is hand-drawn.
- ② B3 size (36.4cm × 51.5 cm) or Yotsukiri size (approximately 38 cm × 54 cm) construction paper
- * Entries on paper thicker than 3 mm or not compliant with the above size requirements will not be accepted. Works drawn on a computer or other digital terminal and works drawn using AI will also not be accepted.

3. Entry restrictions

- ① The entry should express your vision of future scientific advancement or your idea of the world of the future.
- ② The title and explanation of the drawing will be taken into account in the selection process, so be sure to provide these in English or Japanese.
- ③ The entry must be unpublished and your own work. Only one entry per student will be permitted. Joint entries will not be accepted.
- ④ Entries plagiarizing someone else's work will not be accepted.
- ⑤ Copyright-protected illustrations, characters, etc. must be avoided.
- ⑥ If an illustrated compendium, etc., is used as a reference, please provide the title in the space provided in the Drawing Explanation Form.

The 48th Exhibition Grand Prize award



「Lighting for a beautiful night sky」

This lighting subtracts light so that city glows fade to reveal a clear, stary sky. Hokusai's waves rise in celebration to embrace this invention born in Japan.



「The Adventures of AI Firefighters and Drones」

When a forest fire occurs, these drones analyze the situation and read the wind direction. The AI-powered firefighting robots extinguish the fire. These futuristic firefighters protect human firefighters from dangerous sites.



「Soap-Bubble Post Service」

Where our bubbles fly to countries all over the world to make friends. I hope we can make many new friends!

4. Entry and deadline

- ① Please agree to follow the rules listed here when applying.
- ② Please send each drawing together with the Drawing Explanation Form with all required sections completely filled out.
- ③ Please do **not roll up** the drawings as this may damage them.
- ④ Address and deadline: Send entries to Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation (JIII). Entries must be postmarked no later than November 9, 2026. (Please bear the shipping costs.)



5. Judging

Entries will be judged by a panel of judges consisting of the sponsors and experts. The reasons behind the judgement will not be disclosed.

6. (Planned) awards

International and Foreign School Section:
Grand prize award: 1 (JIII Award)
Excellence awards: about 5
Honorable mentions: about 10

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7. Commemorative gifts, award certificates, and prizes

- ① Award certificate and prizes: given to the award winners
- ② Participation award: given to all entrants

8. Announcement

The schools of the winners will be notified around February 2027. An announcement of the awards is planned to be made in the Asahi Shimbun, Asahi Shogakusei Shimbun, and the Asahi Chukosei Shimbun, as well as the JIII homepage.

9. Exhibition and awards ceremony

The exhibition is scheduled to be held in Tokyo in March 2027. The awards ceremony will be held during the exhibition, to which the winners will be invited. JIII's Japanese translation of the drawing explanations will be provided at the exhibition.

10. Handling of personal information

Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation (JIII) has established a basic policy regarding personal information in order to fully recognize the importance of personal information and properly protect and manage it. For details of the policy, please refer to our website or contact us directly.

Please note that the information about applicants, such as their names and the contents of their drawings provided in the application forms will be handled as follows:

* Public Announcement of Results: Results of the award will be published in the list of winners issued by JIII, our journals and publications, our website, and through relevant organizations (newspapers, magazines television etc.).

* Use for Publicity Activities: For business, training, and publicity activities, JIII and organizations authorized by JIII may use photographs, videos, images and related materials in news reports, advertisements (website, social media, broadcast, and printed materials) and exhibitions at events.

Contact address

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