

Commemorating the Opening of the Seicho-No-Ie “Office in the Forest”

Original Children’s Story/Picture Book Contest Entry Guidelines

Commemorating the opening of the “Office in the Forest” and move of the Seicho-No-Ie International Headquarters office to this office located at the southern base of the Yatsugatake Mountains in the Spring of 2013 with the aim of “The Realization of a Society Where Human Beings and Nature Grow Together,” we are searching for entries of original children’s stories and original picture books that will give dreams and hopes to children throughout the world who will be shouldering the next generation.

☆**This is what we are looking for! Original works based on one of the following themes:**

- (1) The Seicho-No-Ie Principle of the Sundial Way of Life that looks only at the bright side of all things
- (2) Depiction of life in the forest, the wonderfulness of Nature, the deep connection between human beings and Nature

☆**Anyone can enter!**

Anyone—member or non-member—who agrees and supports the themes is invited to enter regardless of religious affiliation, age, gender, or nationality. However entries must be in one of the following languages: Japanese, English, Portuguese.

☆**¥300,000 Grand Prize; possibility of publication of the winning works**

In addition to the cash prizes—Grand Prize ¥300,000, two (2) First Prize ¥100,000, three (3) Honorable Mentions ¥30,000—to be given in each category (children’s story and picture book), prize-winning works will be considered for publication.

[Children’s Story Division]

Japanese stories should be 4000 characters or less. Stories in English or Portuguese should be in 2000 words or less. Entries should be typewritten and printed on A4 (8 ½ x 11) size paper. Page layout can be either portrait or landscape.

[Picture Book Division]

Entries should *not* be bound. Drawings and text should be separate. Please indicate the page numbers clearly so the judges will be able to identify the texts and corresponding drawing. All mediums and techniques are acceptable. Entries may be cooperative efforts, with one person providing the drawings and the other the text.

●**Dimensions:**

Contents: 200mm x 200mm (If the contents are meant to be spread pages: 200 mm width, 400 mm length)

Front and back covers: 215 mm x 215 mm (If the front and back covers are to be a spread, 215 mm width, 430 mm length)

- Page configurations: One (1) front and one(1) back cover, contents 22 pages (11 if a spread) or 30 pages (15 if a spread)
- Total number of pages: 24 or 32

[How to apply]

Write your name, address, age, gender, occupation (name of school and grade if you are a student), daytime contact phone number, e-mail address, how you heard about this contest, title of your entry, concept/theme, and send it via registered mail, home delivery service (UPS or Federal Express) or messenger along with your entry to the appropriate address indicated below. All submissions to the Picture Book Division should be color copies and not the original. *Please note that entries will not be returned so please do not submit originals. Those whose works place will be asked to submit their original artwork at a later date.

Deadline: Postmark deadline is Saturday, June 30, 2012 Notification of Results: Fall 2012 (Tentative)

Judges: Rev. Masanobu Taniguchi (Seicho-No-Ie President), Junko Taniguchi (Seicho-No-Ie White Dove Association President), Tsuyoshi Nunoi (Seicho-No-Ie Artists' Federation President), Yasuko Nagai (Illustrator), Patricia Wada (First Vice Chairperson, Seicho-No-Ie U.S. Missionary Headquarters), Rev. Junji Miyaura (Chief, Regional Lecturers Section, Seicho-No-Ie Brazil Missionary Headquarters), Rev. Mutsuji Yamaoka (Chief, Publications/Public Relations Department Seicho-No-Ie International Headquarters), Shigeto Kishi (President, Nippon Kyoubunsha)

Sponsored by: Religious Juridical Person, "Seicho-No-Ie," in cooperation with Nippon Kyoubunsha KK

[Important Points]

- All entries in both the children's story and storybook categories must be original, unpublished works created by the entrant.
- Publication rights (including electronic format)to the winning stories and storybooks, rights to make them secondary written works, and the right to use them shall belong to the Religious Juridical Person, "Seicho-No-Ie."
- Copyrights to the prize-winning works shall belong to the author.
- Personal individual information shall be used only for the purpose of entry registration, notification of results, sending of prizes (if applicable), etc., for contest purposes only.
- Seicho-No-Ie reserves the right to announce the names (pen names if requested) of the prize winners and introduce their works.
- Entries may be reproduced for judging purposes.
- Entries will not be returned.
- If it is found that the winning submission is a plagiarized work, the winner shall be disqualified and all prize monies returned.

All entries, as well as all questions, should be sent/directed to the following:

●Japanese

〒150-8672

東京都渋谷区神宮前 1-23-30 宗教法人「生長の家」出版・広報部

「創作童話・絵本コンクール係」

電話：03-5474-6092（直通） 電話受付：午前 10 時から午後 5 時（木曜日は除く）

F a x：03-5474-6348（直通）

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●English

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●Information and details are also available on the following (Japanese) website:

<http://www.jp.seicho-no-ie.org/>

