



JQA and IQNET announce the winning entries for the 21st International Environmental Children's Drawing Contest

Bern, 17 August 2021 – The long wait is over for the children who submitted their entries to the 21st International Environmental Children's Drawing Contest. A total of 88 winners and 84 special awards were named from over 14,000 drawings received coming from 80 countries.

Our Earth in 2030 – the theme of the 21st contest was adopted from the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with the aim to encourage awareness and action among children, together with their families and educational institutions towards this target.

Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA) as the leading agency of this contest, believes that this competition incites children to take a fresh look on the preciousness of nature, as well as deepen their understanding of the global environment.

Alex Stoichituiu, President of IQNET highlighted that the JQA International Environmental Children's Drawing Contest fits perfectly with the essence of IQNET -- "Together, we build value and trust around the world, for people and businesses, to create a sustainable future". The initiative taps the never-ending capacity of children to dream for a better world, and these unbiased perceptions urge us - as current caretakers - to do appropriate actions.

The judging of the contest was postponed for a year but were awarded by strict and fair screening led by: Kinutani Koji, Painter/Emeritus Professor of Tokyo University of the Arts; with Roberto Benes, Director UNICEF Tokyo Office; Tatsumi Kikuko, Advisor of Nippon Association of Consumer Specialists. The JQA judging committee was represented by President Kobayashi Noriaki and Senior Executive Board Director Hosumi Masayasu.

About the Contest

Since 1999, Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA) and IQNET – The International Certification Network have been hosting the JQA International Environmental Children's Drawing Contest for children aged 7 to 15 years old from around the world, supported by UNICEF Tokyo Office. So far, the contest has been held 21 times. In total, the contest has received more than 330,000 drawings up to this period.

IQNET and JQA hope that this contest provides the children an opportunity to think about the global environment by expressing their inspiration from nature's bounty. At the same time, efforts to protecting nature will be further encouraged through appreciation of children's creations.

About JQA

Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA) is one of IQNET Association's founding members (since 1994) and the network's representative in Japan.

About IQNET

IQNET - The International Certification Network has been active since 1990, with 37 Partner certification bodies and with more than 400 offices worldwide. Each of these IQNET Partners is a leader in their region, and collectively through IQNET represents the most extensive and reputable network of certification bodies. IQNET Headquarters is based in Bern, Switzerland.