

Rules & Regulations

Eligibility:

Open to any amateur photographers in Asia Pacific under the age of 30 years old as of 10 October 2011.

Entry Guidelines:

- Entries must be an individual piece.
- The theme of the competition is “Death Penalty: Through My Lens”. The entry is to portray/ reflect the photographer’s thoughts/feelings on what the death penalty is or how the photographer feels/thinks of the death penalty paying heed to the issues and controversies of this issue.
- Entries must be in the form of photographs (i.e. an image taken with a camera or other photographic devices).
- Photographs can be submitted in landscape or portrait format.
- Entries must be an original work by the contestant and must not violate or infringe on the rights of any third party.
- By submitting a entry, participants will automatically agree to abide by these rules and to the terms and conditions, privacy and information statements outlined here: <http://www.apyouth.net/2010/06/conduct-terms-privacy/>
- The Asia Pacific Youth Network and its partners (including Amnesty International) reserve the right to edit, publish, copy, and use the entries without royalties or any monetary rewards/compensation to the contestants.
- Entries are void if the file in whole or in part illegible, incomplete or damaged.
- All entries must be submitted online at <http://bit.ly/throughmylens> by 11:30pm Hong Kong Time on 1st October 2011.

Submission Guidelines:

- All entries must be submitted with the form at <http://bit.ly/throughmylens>, and all entries not submitted through this will not be considered.
- All entries must abide by the following submission dimensions:
Photographs must be in High Resolution (1000 pixels on its longest dimension, saved as .jpg at approximately 300 – 400 kb in size). Attachments should be named as such: [Participant’s Name] [Name/Title of photograph].
- Commercial and advertising images, heavy digitally manipulated, HDR (High Dynamic Range) or montage images are not permissible. Basic darkroom techniques e.g. levels, curves, dodging, burning, minimal sharpening, colour correction are permissible. Images with branded product logos which are prominent are not allowed.
- Photographs can be Black and White or in Colour.
- Photographs must not have any name, personal logos or watermarks. Scanned film images must be free of dust marks and borders.
- You can send in as many entries as you like but you are entitled to only one (1) prize.

Judging:

- All eligible entries received will be judged by a qualified board selected by Amnesty International Malaysia for the Winner and the Runner-up and by the number of likes on APYN Facebook Fanpage for the Most Popular Photo.
- Submissions will be judged on content, clarity and originality. Judges will look for photographs wherein the photographer's thought/feeling comes across clearly to viewers, is original, is able to articulate the photographer's concept, and is well-supported with a relevant explanation.
- Winning photographs should demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the death penalty and the issues and controversy which surround it.
- The 'Most Popular Photo' will be judged by the number of likes on the APYN Fanpage.

Prizes:

Winner: Prize equivalent to 250USD
Most Popular Photo: Prize equivalent to 150USD
Runner-up: Prize equivalent to 80USD

If the same entries are submitted to both photo competitions organized by Asia Pacific Youth Network AND Amnesty International Malaysia, the entries will not be entitled to place for prizes for both competitions.

Winners will be announced on 13 October 2011 by Amnesty International Malaysia and notification will be made by APYN by email on 14 October 2011.