

Rules of the Photo Contest announced by the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat on the occasion of its 10-year anniversary

The OSCE Centre in Ashgabat announces a photo contest with the following themes:

- Youth against drugs
- Preserving Turkmenistan's natural beauty and heritage
- The role of women in modern Turkmenistan

There is no entrance fee. The contest is open to professional and amateur photographers residing in Turkmenistan. Prizes will be awarded only to citizens of Turkmenistan. *OSCE staff members are not eligible to participate in the contest.*

The OSCE promotes gender balance and encourages women to take part in the contest.

The photographs should reflect on any of the three themes, and should have been taken within the last 10 years.

Both single images and series (not more than eight photographs per series) can be entered.

The deadline for submitting photographs is 15 September 2009.

The top prize for a single photo (or series) is a Canon EOS-40D camera kit. The runner-up will receive a Canon PowerShot A710IS camera kit, and the photographer placing third will be awarded with a Digital Photo Frame.

Submissions

Photos can be submitted in digital form. The images must be original works without computer manipulations. In addition to photos in digital form, print copies of images will be also accepted (size 20 x 30 cm).

Each submission should contain:

1. A maximum of eight images placed on a disc. Every image should have a minimum of 3.5 megapixels and a resolution of at least 150 dpi provided that the image is at least 35 cm long or wide. The submitted images may be in JPEG or TIFF. Please note that these are recommended technical requirements.
2. CV in Turkmen, Russian or English.
3. Entry form. Entry forms and rules for the photo contest are available at the Centre's Information Unit or can be downloaded from <http://www.osce.org/item/38890.html>

Please bring your submission in a sealed envelope to the OSCE Centre's Information Unit. Submissions can also be emailed to: photo2009-tm@osce.org

By entering my work, I hereby agree to the following:

- I acknowledge that I myself took the photo (s) I am entering and that I am the sole owner of the submitted photo(s).
- The photograph (s) was/were taken in Turkmenistan since the year 1999.
- I am currently residing on the territory of Turkmenistan.
- The photo (s) I am entering are not photomontage and have not been manipulated by digital or other means.
- I understand that I will retain the rights to my photograph(s).
- The OSCE reserves the right to publish the winning entry and the runners-up in its non-profit publications, brochures, including calendars and posters as well as on its web pages.
- I understand that a committee will choose the winners of this contest and all decisions are final.
- I understand that my photo(s) will not be considered without the proper entry form.
- I understand that the OSCE does not assume any responsibility for materials lost or damaged.
- To the best of my knowledge, no other party can enforce any right or raise any objections in connection with a publication.

Date

Location

Signature