

Volunteers in Beautiful Bhutan

A Photo Competition

Bhutan has a rich tradition of volunteerism - whether it's neighbours getting together to help weed the field of a sick neighbour, or children gathering to clean up a village area, or, in the more modern environment, a child helping an elderly woman cross a busy road... Volunteerism in Bhutan is very much a part of the culture, and should be recognised as such.

It is because of the strong spirit of volunteerism found in the country, and because of the very beauty of Bhutan and its people, that this photo competition is being held. Winning photos will be published in a special calendar for 2006, which will be distributed for free across the country, and worldwide. Photos entered in the competition will also be used to promote volunteerism in Bhutan - to encourage more people to spare some of their time to help the disadvantaged, and to work towards the development of the country.

What criteria will the judges use to select the winning photos?

The winning photos will be selected by a panel of independent judges, who will be looking for photos with the following attributes:

- A photo which strongly demonstrates some aspect of volunteer spirit;
- A photo which highlights the beauty of Bhutan and/or its people;
- Good composition of the photo - the photo makes a "nice" picture. This is necessarily a highly subjective criteria, however, if the photo makes you want to look at it for a longer time, and enjoy the process of looking at it, and if the photo draws the viewer's eye slowly towards a target within the photo, then it can be said to be well composed;
- Good technical quality, including good lighting, and a careful use of focus;
- A photo that stimulates thought.

Each entered photo must also include a caption, in English, of between 5 and 20 words. In the event of a tie, judges will choose photos which have better captions. The captions will explain how the photographer feels that the photo highlights the theme of the competition, which is "Volunteers – in Beautiful Bhutan".

See overleaf for rules of the photo competition...

"Volunteers in Beautiful Bhutan"

Rules of the Photo Competition

- The competition is open to anyone residing in Bhutan, and entry is free of charge.
- The photo must be taken in Bhutan, anytime between 1st December 2004 and 31st July 2005. Closing date of entry is 1st August 2005, at 3 p.m.
- Photos can be submitted as slides or as prints, can be monochrome or colour, and orientation can be or . The entrants who submit prints will have to be able to provide the organisers with the original negative (or, in the case of digital photos, a disc or CD) if so requested. Digital photos will only be accepted if resolution is greater than 3 Megapixels, and if the prints submitted are of a quality similar to traditional photo prints.
- The organisers reserve the right to keep all photo-prints; slides will be returned after the competition if requested.
- Each photo must be entered together with a full completed and signed 'entry form'. Personal details given in the entry form will not be made public, except as agreed with the entrant prior to publication of winning photos.
- A competitor can enter a maximum of three photos only; in the event a competitor enters more than one photo, each photo must be entered separately, with its own entry form.
- In the event that more than one photo from a single competitor is selected as one of the best twelve photos, only one prize will be awarded. The unawarded prize will be awarded to the next in line (e.g. number 13, 14 and so on)
- The entry form will require the entrant to certify that the submitted photo is theirs, that there is no copyright held on the photo, that the photo was taken in Bhutan, and that it was taken between 1st December 2004 and 31st July 2005.
- Each photo must be accompanied by a caption, in English, of not less than 5 words, and not more than 20 words. The organisers of the competition will take the quality of the caption into account in the event of a tie, but will ignore any errors in spelling or grammar. In the event of publication, the organisers reserve the right to edit the photo or the caption prior to publishing.
- Completed entry forms, with photos, should reach the UNV Office, UN House, PO Box 162, Thimphu, latest by 3 p.m. on Monday 1st August 2005. Entrants are advised to keep a record of the entrant number of the entry form, which will be given upon submission of their entry.
- The judges shall select the winners on the basis of the photos and captions alone. Details of the entrants concerned will be kept separately, and will only be accessed after the winning photos have been selected. The decision of the judges shall be final.
- The names of the winners will be published by 31st August 2005. Lists of winners will be posted on the *Volunteers in Bhutan* website (www.vib.org.bt), and also at the Thimphu offices of JOCV/JICA, VSA, Tarayana Foundation, and UNV.
- Prizes will be awarded to the top 12 photos, each of which may be published in the 2006 calendar. First prize: Nu 10,000; Second prize: Nu 7,000; Third prize: Nu 5,000; and there will be nine 'fourth prizes' awarded, each with Nu 2,000. In the event of tied winners, the prizes will be averaged. Maximum total prize-money to be awarded is Nu 40,000. Any prizes not collected by 30th November 2005 will be forfeited.

Thank you for your interest in Volunteerism in Beautiful Bhutan, and this photo competition...

...and Good luck!

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**IMPORTANT:
DO NOT WRITE
YOUR NAME ON
THIS PAPER**

Volunteers in Beautiful Bhutan

Entrant number:

Photo Competition

Entry form

The print of the photo (one only per form) is to be securely attached here by glue.

If a slide is entered, it should be secured into a small envelope, which should be securely attached to this paper.

Please write your caption, in English, of not less than 5 words, and not more than 20 words, in the box below. Do NOT write your name anywhere on this paper.



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Entrant number:

Name of entrant: _____

Age (if less than 18 years old): _____

School (if a school student): _____

Occupation (if employed): _____

Male or female? _____

Contact details:

• Address: _____

• Contact telephone number(s) (if available): _____

• E-mail address (if available): _____

Declaration (you must read this carefully, and then sign at the bottom if this is true):

I declare that the photo attached was taken by me, in Bhutan, between 1st December 2004 and 31st July 2005. I also declare that the photo has not been published elsewhere, and that it is not subject to any copyright. I agree that the organisers may keep the photo, and may publish it for the promotion of Bhutan and/or volunteerism, regardless of whether the photo is a winning photo or not. I understand, however, that due acknowledgement will be made wherever this photo is published by the organisers of this competition. I have read, and understand, and agree to the rules of the competition.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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