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Announcement

Mitsubishi Asian Children's Enikki Festa 2026-2027 - Art Competition

The Bhutan National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Education and Skills Development would like to invite **children aged 6 to 12** including Special Education Needs (SEN) children to participate in the **17th Edition of Mitsubishi Asian Children's Enikki Festa** to create **Enikki** on the theme **"My life that I want to share with everyone in Asia"**. The eligibility for participation shall be restricted to children whose dates of birth fall between **December 1, 2014** and **November 30, 2020**, both dates inclusive.

The Mitsubishi Asian Children's Enikki Festa is a biennial programme organized by the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (NFUAJ), with the Bhutan National Commission for UNESCO serving as the local organizer. It was started as "Festival of Asian Children's Art" in 1990 and later changed its name to "Mitsubishi Asian Children's Enikki Festa" in 2006.

Enikki is the Japanese term for an **"Illustrated Diaries"** that portrays daily events and thoughts in the form of an art and short essay. It is widely used in Japan to foster empathy, cross cultural understanding, and artistic expression among children.

Children should create a three-page artwork on A4-sized paper, illustrating what they do, see, experience or have in mind in their daily life that they want their Asian friends to know and understand, such as nature and climate, favorite games, family and friends, school life, and local festivals and traditional performing arts.

The goal of the Festa is to use Enikki as a very effective means to promote cross-cultural understanding of each other's lives and cultures and, eventually, to work for promotion of cultural exchange among the children of Asia.

Children will be divided into three categories:

Category	In Bhutan			In Japan
	School Level Screening	Dzongkhag Level Screening	National Level Screening	International Level Screening
I: Age 6-7	3 best art entries	3 best art entries	3 best art entries	4 Best Art Entries
II: Age 8-9	3 best art entries	3 best art entries	3 best art entries	
III: Age 10-12	3 best art entries	3 best art entries	3 best art entries	
IV: SEN Children	3 best art entries	3 best art entries	3 best art entries	
Total	12 entries	12 entries	12 entries	
Prizes	Certificate of Participation	Certificate of Appreciation	Smart gadget tablets and cash prizes/gifts	1 Grand Prix Award and 3 other awards



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OFFICIAL GUIDELINES FOR SCREENING AND SUBMISSION

School-Level Screening

1. Each participating school shall select **three (3) best art entries per category** for Dzongkhag-Level Screening.
2. Schools must complete the selection of the best three entries per category by **6th September 2026** and forward their submissions to the Dzongkhag Education Office no later than **13th September 2026**.
3. All selected student participants will be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their participation.
4. Focal Points UNESCO Clubs and ASPnet Focal Points are hereby requested to coordinate and facilitate the school-level competition and screening process.

Dzongkhag/Thromde-Level Screening

1. Each Dzongkhag and Thromde Education Office shall select **three (3) best art entries per category**.
2. Dzongkhag and Thromde Education Offices must complete the selection of the best three entries per category by **26th September 2026** and submit the same to the Bhutan National Commission for UNESCO by **1st October 2026**.
3. Selected student forwarded for the national level screening will also be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.

National-Level Screening

1. A total of **twelve (12) best art entries** will be selected during the National-Level Screening.
2. Awardees will be honoured at the National Award Ceremony and shall receive One (1) Smart Gadget Tablet; Cash prizes/Gifts; and Certificates of Achievement.

International-Level Submission

1. From the twelve national-level selections, **four (4) best art entries** will be forwarded to the office of the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (NFUAJ) for International-Level Screening.
2. Among the four submissions, **one (1) entry** will receive the **Grand Prix Award**.
3. The International Award Ceremony is scheduled to take place in Japan in **late July to early August 2027**. The Grand Prix winner, along with one (1) guardian per country or region, will be invited to attend the ceremony.

For further details pertaining to submission guidelines, deadlines, and judging criteria, all participating schools and concerned offices are requested to refer to the Enikki Guidelines (attached herewith).

Should you require any further clarifications, please call at
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Timeline for Enikki Festa 2026-2027

Timeline	Activity	Remarks
10-23 Aug 2026	Children age 6-12 to create 3-page Enikki (Illustrated Diaries)	School Level
24-31 Aug 2026	Children submit their Enikki to School Management	
1-6 Sept 2026	School Level Screening to select THREE Best Art Entries for each category	
7-13 Sept 2026	Submission of THREE best entries from schools to Dzongkhags / Thromde Education Office	
14-19 Sept 2026	Preparation for Dzongkhag/Thromde Level Screening	Dzongkhag / Thromde Level
21-26 Sept 2026	Dzongkhag /Thromde Level Screening to select THREE Best Art Entries for each category	
29 Sept-10 Oct 2026	Submission of THREE Best entries to Bhutan National Commission for UNESCO, MoESD	
12-17 Oct 2026	Preparation for National Level Screening	National Level
19-24 Oct 2026	National Level Screening to select TWELVE Best Art Entries	
28-30 Oct 2026	Result Declaration of National Level Screening	
1-7 Nov 2026	Preparation for National Award Ceremony	
11 Nov 2026	National Award Ceremony coinciding with Birth Anniversary of Fourth Druk Gyalpo and Children Day	
12-20 Nov 2026	Preparation to submit FOUR Best Art Entries for International Level Screening	
23 Nov 2026	Submission of FOUR Best Art Entries to NFUAJ, Japan	International Level at Japan
April 2027	International Level Screening	
May 2027	Results of International Screening	
April-June 2027	Receive International Award details from NFUAJ, Japan	
	Preparation for Grand Prix Award Winner and his/her parent or guardian to attend International Award Ceremony	
July - Aug 2027	International Award Ceremony in Japan.	Bhutan
Sept-Oct 2027	Celebration of Organizers Award in the schools	