



The 17th

花王国際こども環境絵画コンテスト

KAO International Environment Painting Contest for Children

Contest entry guide

Theme

“Let's work together for our sustainable Earth!”

What can we do to protect the precious global environment for the future so that all living things can live together? Please express your thoughts and ideas freely in your painting.

Eligibility

Children aged 6-15 years
as of the end of August 2026

Requirements for the work

1 Work dimensions

(min) 271mm×392mm ~ A3 (297×420mm)
~ (max) 392mm×542mm

2 Medium

Any means of direct painting, or coloring -
crayon, colored pencil, watercolor, acrylic or
oil paint, ink, wood or linocut printing, etc.

3 Numbers of entry

Only one entry per individual

Original unpublished work created by the
applicant themselves after January 2026

4 Important notice

The following works are not eligible for review:

- Works with pasted elements (collage) / works painted on canvas / digital artworks and works created using AI
- Works with text such as catchphrases or slogans
- Works with specific characters, logos and names of individuals, companies, or products
- Works that Kao determines to be highly similar to existing artworks and likely to infringe on the rights of third parties
- Works created jointly with third parties

How to apply

Please submit your entry by either of the following methods;

1 Uploading an image of the work

Photograph or scan your entry and upload the image via the entry website.

Submissions with unclear images, incorrect file format/size shall be disqualified.

E-mail entries are not accepted.

2 Sending the original work

Fill in all fields within the bold-lined section of the designated “Entry Form,” attach it to the back of the artwork, and send it by post.

Incorrect size or missing/incomplete entry forms shall be disqualified.

*The entry website, the entry form and full application terms and conditions can be found from 2D barcode or Kao website.



<https://www.kao.com/global/en/sustainability/society/environment/painting-contest/entries/>



Send your work to

Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children
Kao (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. No. 197301000489 (14023-V)
19th. Floor, Menara Access World,
No. 1, Jalan 19/3, 46300 Petaling Jaya,
Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.
E-mail: kao.contest@kao.com
Phone: +603-79574488
(Ext. 238 Puan Junainah / Ext. 171 Puan Azni)
(Phone available only on working days from 8:30am - 5:30pm,
unavailable on weekends and public holidays)

Entry deadline

Friday, 14th August 2026, before 5.30pm

Announcement of winners

Announcement will be on our website by December 2026

Selection

Each prize will be selected under strict criteria by 7 judges commissioned and Kao.

Prize

Kao Kirei Grand Prize (1), Kao Special Prize (8),
Jury's Special Prize (7), Honorable Mention including Kao
Employee Prize (16), Group Prize (5) etc.

() indicates the number of winners.

*The number of winners in each category may be subject to change depending on the number of entries.

Notes on applications

- Applicants must obtain the consent of a parent or legal guardian before submitting an entry.
- Original works will not be returned. Prize-winning works may be edited or partially modified and used and/or published for corporate communications and sales promotion activities related to the concept of sustainability and environmentally friendly products produced by Kao or its affiliates. In such cases, the size and colors of the work may differ from the original. We may also use the winners' information and the submitted portrait photograph.
- Personal information provided by applicants will be used to administer the contest, including contacting winners, and for public relations activities both inside and outside the company. We will not provide applicants' personal information to third parties without the applicant's consent, except for the purposes stated above.
- This guideline is a summary of the official entry terms and conditions. In the event of any discrepancy between this guideline and the official entry terms and conditions, the official entry terms and conditions shall prevail.

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Now open: Entries invited

The 17th Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children

The Kao Group aims to realize a world in which all life lives in harmony by creating a cleaner, more beautiful and healthier life for all people and the planet.

This contest has been held since 2010 so that the children around the world think about the environment and future of the planet and express them as paintings, also the Kao Group conveys their thoughts through the exhibitions of the winning works. Thereby people around the world will be inspired to take actions toward sustainable lifestyles.

The contest attracted many entries from children around the world, bringing the total number of entries to approximately 190,000. The children's paintings delivered from various regions across the globe, depict precious thoughts on their diverse lives and environments and are filled with how much they value the environment and with full of energy for the future.

We donate to support environmental activities in accordance with the entries, to give shape to the children's thoughts and wishes.

We hope many children will get interested in environmental issues and participate in this contest. We look forward to receiving many entries.

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Donations in response to entries

Kao Corporation will donate 50 Japanese yen per entry to environmental activities. Please be sure to choose which of the following activities you would like to support when submitting your entry.

- Wildlife protection
 Greening and forest conservation
 Marine litter and waste leakage prevention measures

The 16th Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children/ presentation of the winning works >>>

https://www.kao.com/global/en/children_painting/contest-2025/



Fill out all required information. Entries with incomplete or illegible information on this form will not be accepted. *Please paste this form in the back of your work, oriented the same way as your work.

Parent/Guardian Consent

Please review the statement, check (✓)the box, and sign below.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions and consent to my child's participation in this contest.

The above must be checked and a parent/guardian handwritten signature provided.

Signature of person giving consent :

Title of Work

Please describe your thoughts and wishes on the painting. (max. 80 words)

Country / Region

Age

Choose any one of the following activities.

- Wildlife protection
 Greening and forest conservation
 Marine litter and waste leakage prevention measures

Name

Individual entry *Individual applicants: please complete this section legibly.

Contact

*Please write clearly.

E-mail : _____ @ _____

Phone : _____ - _____ - _____

Group entry *Group applications only (individuals: leave blank)

Contact for school or art class

*Please write clearly.

Name of school or art class :

Grade : _____ Class : _____

Name of teacher or representative :

Mr. / Ms.

E-mail : _____ @ _____

Phone : _____ - _____ - _____