

Terms and Conditions of Entry in the 17th Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children

Please read these terms and conditions of entry carefully before you apply for the 17th Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children (the “Contest”), which is sponsored by Kao Corporation (“Kao”). Please note that a person who applies for the Contest (the “Applicant”) is deemed to have consented to the details below at the time of entry. These terms and conditions of entry represent the details of the agreement between the Applicant and Kao concerning the Contest.

1. Eligibility, Requirements and Entry Specifications

In order to apply for the Contest, it is necessary for the Applicant to meet the requirements in (i) below and for his or her work to meet the requirements in (ii) below. If an Applicant does not meet (i) below or his/her work does not meet (ii) below, the work will not be eligible to be judged. In addition, if we find an Applicant does not meet (i) below or that a work does not meet (ii) below after they win a prize, the award may be withdrawn.

(i) Eligibility and requirement

Only persons aged 6 through 15 years old, as of August 31, 2026, who have obtained the consent of their parent or guardian are eligible for entry in the Contest. Each Applicant may submit only one piece of artwork.

(ii) Entry specifications

Works to be applied need to meet the following specifications.

- (1) Works that match the theme “Let’s work together for our sustainable Earth!”
- (2) Works that are at least 271 mm x 392 mm and no larger than 392 mm x 542 mm. This does not include dimensions when framed or when using a mat. Works with three-dimensional elements adhered to them will not be accepted.
- (3) Applicants are free to create works on a flat plane, such as those created by crayon, colored pencil, watercolor, acrylic/oil paint, ink, wood or linocut printing. Works such as collages (pasted elements), digital artworks, AI-generated works, and heavy/thick oil paintings conducted on a canvas will not be accepted.
- (4) Each Applicant can only submit one work.
- (5) Entries are limited to work that has not been made public, and the work must be created by Applicants themselves.

* “Not been made public” refers to work that has never been exhibited, sold, or been presented to the public for the purpose of receiving a contest award.
- (6) Works that fall under any of the following will not be accepted:
 - Works that do not comply with “3. How to Apply”;
 - Works that have been submitted after the deadline or works that have arrived at the Secretariat after the deadline;
 - Works submitted via the entry form with unclear/blurry uploaded images;
 - Entries submitted with the original work but without an entry form, or works with an incomplete entry form;

- Works with pasted elements (collages), works with three-dimensional decorations;
- Works painted on canvas (which means a piece of cloth used for oil paint);
- Digital artworks and works using AI;
- Works containing text such as slogans or catchphrases similar to those found on posters;
- Works containing specific characters, logos or names of individuals, companies, products, etc.;
- Works that are very similar to existing artworks, or that are determined by Kao as being likely to infringe on the rights of third parties;
- Works created jointly with third parties;
- Works that defame a specific individual or group;
- Works that hinder or may hinder proper management of the Contest;
- Works that won a prize in other contests; or
- Other works determined by Kao as being inappropriate

2. The Selection Process

- The selection process for the Contest will be conducted in three stages: initial screening, preliminary judging, and final judging.
- The initial screening and preliminary judging will be based on photographed/scanned image data of the submitted works.
- The final judging will be based on the actual works.
- Applicants who applied for the Contest via image upload will be contacted at their e-mail address by the Secretariat if they pass the initial screening and advance to preliminary judging.
- Applicants who receive this notification should confirm the content of the e-mail sent to them, and then post their original work to the Secretariat to prepare for the final judging.
- Notifications will be sent to prizewinners and schools/art classes by early December 2026. Winners' names and other information will also be announced on the following website:
<https://www.kao.com/global/en/sustainability/society/environment/painting-contest/>
- An entry will be disqualified from judging or receiving an award if, after being notified by the Secretariat, the Applicant fails to respond with the necessary information or take the required steps for judging that have been set by Kao, or if Kao is not able to contact the Applicant.

3. How to Apply

- To apply for the Contest, please view the information provided by via 2D barcode below or on the Kao website:

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



- Applicants can select either to (i) upload an image of their work or (ii) send their original work. There are no advantages or disadvantages regarding the selection process for both of these methods (For original works that have been sent, the Secretariat will take photographs of the works and judging will be conducted based on the image data)
- (i) Entries made by uploading images of the work (digital submission)
- Please upload a scan or photograph of the work to be submitted via the designated entry form.
- [Recommended specifications] The image should be in JPEG/PNG/GIF format, with the longest side 2,000 to 4,000 px, equivalent to 300 dpi, and each image should be 5 MB or less.
 - Works that have unclear/blurry images or fail to meet the required format or size will not be accepted.
- (ii) Entries made by sending the original work
- Fill in all required information inside the bold lines on the designated Entry Form and make sure to paste it on the center of the back of your work.
- Works with an incomplete entry form will not be accepted.
 - When sending your work by post, please insert some cardboard or something else that is firm to ensure the work does not bend during shipping. Applications that are made by attaching a work to e-mail or by bringing it to one of our offices will not be accepted.
 - Please note that as a general rule, the submitted original works will not be returned.

4. Address for Submissions

Corporate Communications, Kao Industrial (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
 O-NES Tower, 14th floor, 6, Soi Sukhumvit 6, Klongtoey Sub-district, Klongtoey District,
 Bangkok 10110, Thailand

5. Deadline for All Entries

- Entry via website: Paintings must be submitted by Friday, September 4, 2026.
- Entry by sending original work: Paintings must be received by Wednesday, August 6, 2026.
 (Referring to the date stamped on an envelope or package by the postal service.)

6. Conditions of Entry

By applying for the Contest, the Applicant is deemed to have consented to the following:

- (i) That the ownership of applied works belongs to Kao and that the original works will not be returned to Applicants;
- (ii) That if an Applicant's work has been judged to have won a prize in the Contest ("Prize-winning Work," which includes the title of the work, the Applicant's comments (thoughts) on the work, and the Applicant's place of residence and age at the time of submission), the work may be used by Kao, Kao's affiliated companies, or organizations designated by Kao (collectively, "Kao, etc."), without restriction as to duration and region, on websites, at exhibitions, in publications, advertisements, digital media, promotional items, etc. for corporate communications by Kao or its affiliated companies and for sales promotions that are based on the concept of sustainability of environmentally friendly products produced by Kao or its affiliated companies (the usage described above includes being reproduced, displayed, published, made public, and exhibited, and is hereinafter referred to as the "Use");
- (iii) That the size of the Prize-winning Work may be changed by Kao, etc. for the Use, and that its color

may slightly differ from the original due to printing limitations;

- (iv) That the Applicant will not assert any moral rights in the Prize-winning Works concerning the Use of the Prize-winning Works by Kao, etc.;
- (v) That, when Kao, etc. uses the Prize-winning Works of the Applicant, the following details thereof may be made public together with photographs of the Applicant that will be separately provided by the Applicant, after being partially modified, without restriction as to duration and region, for the purpose of presenting the Prize-winning Works:
 - (1) Name (in alphabetical characters);
 - (2) Age (at the time of submission);
 - (3) Residential country/region;
 - (4) Title of work; and
 - (5) The Applicant's thoughts on his or her Work
- (vi) That top winners are planned to be invited to the awards ceremony of the 17th Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children, which is scheduled to take place in December 2026 (ceremony venue: The company office in Tokyo or online), and that Kao will take photographs and videos of the Applicants at the awards ceremony, and will use the photographs or videos taken without restriction as to duration and region, on websites, at exhibitions, in publication, advertisements, digital media, etc. for corporate communications. Also, that Kao will bear transportation and accommodation costs for award ceremony attendance only.

7. Handling of Personal Information

Personal information provided by the Applicant will be used by Kao for the operation and management of the Contest, including the award announcement to the winners, and for the internal announcement and public relations activities with regard to the winners of the prizes of the Contest, as well as for the purpose provided in these terms and conditions of entry. Kao will not provide personal information to third parties without the approval of the Applicant who provided the personal information except for the cases where the information is provided to a service provider to the extent necessary for achieving the purpose of use.

8. Contest Inquiries

Address: Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children Office

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Business hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding Saturdays, Sunday, holidays, and year-end/New Year holidays, summer holidays, and other closures

A response may take a week, depending on the type of inquiry.

9. Other

Kao cannot address any inquiries regarding the judging process. The results of the judging are final and at the discretion of the organizers.