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6.9.2016 – A photo contest themed “My View on the Sustainable Development Goals” is being hosted by the [United Nations Information Centre \(UNIC\) Japan](#) and [Sophia University](#), with the special co-operation of [Getty Images](#),

. This contest is open to graduate, undergraduate, and vocational college students from all countries and applications are open from now until September 19.

The [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) officially came into force on 1 January 2016,

having been adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015. They represent an action plan for solving global challenges by 2030, through 17 goals to address poverty in various forms, fight against inequality and address climate change.

This is the first SDG contest of its kind among the 63 UNIC offices network around the world and the United Nations Department of Public Information (UN-DPI). It is sponsored by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Global Compact Network Japan (GC-NJ).

Through its theme, the contest aims to encourage students to reflect on the Sustainable Development Goals, communicate their feelings in a photograph and share it with many other people.



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The judges are:

Leslie Kee (Celebrity Photographer)

Natsuki Yasuda (Photo Journalist)

Hideko Kataoka (Newsweek Japan's Photo Director)

Rebecca Swift (Creative Director of Getty Images)

Hiroaki Mizushima (Professor, Dept. of Journalism, Sophia University)

Kaoru Nemoto (Director of United Nations Information Centre Tokyo)

The 1st Prize, known as the Foreign Minister Prize, will be awarded to one student, while three will win 2nd prize. There will be a Special Prize, known as the Dior Woman-Empowerment Prize and several Honourable Mentions. These prizes are provided by cooperative enterprises. In addition, there is a possibility that license contracts with Getty Images will be made available for the winning contestants (however, their works submitted in this competition will not be covered). There will be an award ceremony and exhibition at Sophia University of prize winning works on 24 October, United Nations Day.

We look forward to seeing your photos. Please click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to enter now!



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