

The Fifth Japan-EU English Haiku Contest

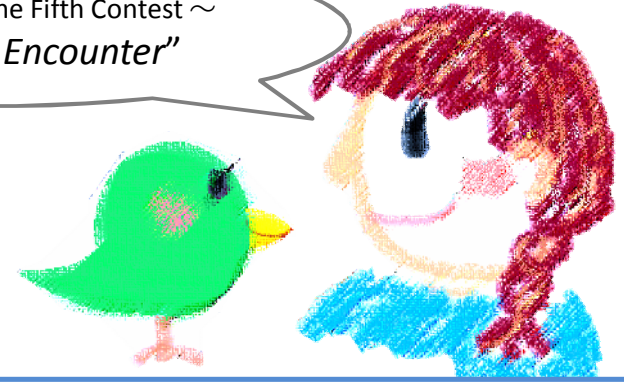


Japan-EU English Haiku Contest has been held four times, to promote people-to-people exchanges between Japan and the EU.

Information about the contest

- Organizers: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Delegation of the European Union to Japan
- Sponsor: Matsuyama City
- Theme: "Wonderful Encounter"
- Entry deadline: **27th June at 9:00AM, Japan Time**
- Awards: MOFA and the EU will invite one winner each from Japan and the EU to Matsuyama City, Pref. Ehime, Japan
- Submission: **Please find guidelines and the entry form on our website**
http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_000280.html

~ The Theme of the Fifth Contest ~
"Wonderful Encounter"



What is English Haiku in this contest? – Definition –
Haiku is a very short form of Japanese traditional poetry and considered to be the shortest poem in the world. In this contest, English haiku relating Japan-EU relations, with a sense of the season (describing the season) will be accepted as an entry. Also, please follow the theme; "Wonderful Encounter". (For more details, please visit our website.)

Winners' Haiku of the last contest Theme : Rainbow
rainbow of hope, amidst ocean breeze, the lone pine tree
Mr. Giorgos Paximadis (Greece)
Heading to the rainbow, -we are the one, on the same boat
Ms. Misato Oi (Japan)

President of the European Council and Haiku

President of the European Council, **Mr. Van Rompuy**, is an active Haikuist who has twice published his Haiku pieces. At the 22nd Japan-EU Summit Meeting held in Brussels in May 2014, President Van Rompuy welcomed Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with his own haiku. PM Abe read his own haiku in response.



President Van Rompuy :
Once comes May,
spring ushers in life everywhere;
Laughing blossoms

PM Abe : *At an old castle*
Savoring hospitalities
In a balmy spring evening