News Release



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Asian largest illustration contest "Illustrator contest Asia" Notice regarding the 1st Round of the Application Period

Wedge Holdings CO., LTD (HQ: Chuo-ku, Tokyo Japan, CEO: Tatsuya Konoshita) hosts illustration contest "Illustrator contest Asia" in Mongol, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia.

The application period for the first round of the contest had been opened from 6th April to 1st July 2017. In this round we received more than 500 illustrations from 4 country mentioned above.

All the illustrations that has been entered will be available on the official website for vote. The illustration that get most vote in every country (Mongol, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia) will be announced on 31 July 2017 along with 5 Best illustration pick up by the Judge (total 9 illustrations).

Regarding the Internet Vote, You can also vote from Japan. Please visit our official website to vote for your most favorite illustration. (http://brain-navi.asia/acv/)

The concept of this contest is "The Gate to the World for Asian talents" with the main purpose to find talented creators in these countries and introduce them to the world. We will introduce the illustration from talented creators that participate in the contest to Japan and other countries, and also offering the creator an exclusive management contracts to give them full supports for promoting and marketing their illustrations to the world. We have secured an exclusive management contract with Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar who is a representative comic artist of Mongolia on 6 April 2017. He already started his promotion activities and plans to release his works in Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and other countries. We hope this will become a good example of promotion to the world.

With all the achievement that our company have achieved in Contents Industry, and utilizing the development in Asia Country, our company hopes to be able to find all those hidden talent from all around Asia.

*Please check the attached documents for more detail regarding [Illustrator contest Asia]

[「Illustrator contest Asia」] file

Overview < Illustrator contest Asia First round>

- •Application period: 6 April 2017 1 July 2017
- •Result announcement date: 31 July 2017
- •Panel of judges: Mr. Akira Itou (Japanese), Mr. Chris Lie (Indonesian), Ms. Can Tieu Hy (Vietnamese), Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar (Mongolian), Mr. Anan Thitakom (Thai)
- •Result announcement: official website
- •Host: Wedge Holdings CO., LTD. Brain Navi (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
- Official website: http://brain-navi.asia/acv/

**Please refer to official website for latest information

• Judges Profile



Mr. Akira Itou (Japanese)

An original writer of "CARDFIGHT!! Vanguard" which is very popular in Asia and North America. His comic works became films and broadcasted all over the world.



Chris Lie (Indonesian)

He has been in charge of manga, toys design, and concept art for "GI Joe", "Amazing Spiderman", "Transformer" and "Marvel Ultimate Alliance 2" since 2005. He received outstanding award at "Street Fighter IV Cover Illustration Competition"



Ms. Can Tieu Hy (Vietnamese)

Her comic work "Gateway to Underworld" was selected as an award for excellence at 10th international Manga Award out of 296 works from 55 countries. It was the first comic publishing by advance booking and became a bestseller, 3,000 copies sold-out at first day.



Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar (Mongolian)
Received the highest award at 8th international Manga Award in 2015.
**Refer to his detailed profile below



Mr. Anan Thitakom (Thai)

Over 20 years of career in comic, he's filed and positioned as No.1 in Thailand and also entrusted with X-men works (Thai version) by Marvel Comic.

•Competition Schedule

Illustrator contest Asia First round
Application start : 6 April 2017
Application end : 1 July 2017
Vote end : 20 July 2017

Result announcement date: 31 July 2017

Illustrator contest Asia Second round
Application start : 1 July 2017
Application end : 31 August 2017
Vote end : 20 September 2017

Result announcement date: 30 September 2017

Illustrator contest Asia Third round

Application start : 1 September 2017 Application end : 31 October 2017 Vote end : 20 November 2017

Result announcement date: 30 November 2017

Illustrator contest Asia Championship

Result announcement date: 4 January 2018

The awards ceremony of "Illustrator contest Asia championship" will take place in Japan.

※ The schedules are subject to change over time.
※ Please refer to official website for latest information

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