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### Notice of Asian largest illustration contest "Illustrator contest Asia" in Vietnam

Wedge Holdings CO., LTD (HQ : Chuo-ku, Tokyo Japan) will host illustration contest "Illustrator contest Asia" in Mongol, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia. The opening ceremony of the contest took place on 16 April 2017 at Movenpick Hotel Hanoi in Vietnam as we started accepting applications in Vietnam from 15 April 2017. Mr. Bilegdorj.D, Ambassador of Embassy of Mongolia in Vietnam, Ms. Tran Thi Thu Dong, Deputy Director of the Department of Fine Arts, Photography and Exhibition, Ms. Yoko Anazawa, a chief of Press and Cultural Section of Embassy of Japan in Vietnam, Mr. Dang Cao Cuong, Comic Book Editor of Kim Dong Publishing House, and Mr. Nguyen Khanh Duong, Founder & CEO of Comicola.



From left, Mr. Tamir Enkhsaihan, a chief of Mongolian representative office of Showa Holdings, Ms. Yoko Anazawa, Ms. Can Tieu Hy, a Vietnamese comic artist, Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar a Mongolian comic artist, Mr. Bilegdorj.D, Mr. Akira Itou, a Japanese comic artist, Ms. Tran Thi Thu

Dong, Mr. Tatsuya Konoshita, and Ms. Miharu Tsuchiya, a Managing director of Showa Brain Navi Vietnam.

The concept of contest is "The Gate to the World for Asian talents" and the main purpose of contest is to find talented creators in these countries and market them to the world. We will make presentations of illustration works of talented creators in Japan and other countries. And we may secure exclusive management contracts with them and give them full supports of promotion and marketing to the world.

We take advantage of accomplishments in contents filed over the years and expansion in Asian countries and will find hidden talents such as illustrators in Asia.

Overview of the opening ceremony of "Illustrator contest Asia" in Vietnam

- Date and time : 16 April 2017 2:00PM – 4:00PM
- Venue : Movenpick Hotel Hanoi 83 Ly Thuong Kiet, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Host : Wedge Holdings Co., Ltd.
- Guests : Mr. Akira Itou, Ms. Can Tieu Hi, Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar
- ※Find below for details of "Illustrator contest Asia"

### 【「Illustrator contest Asia」】 information

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. Anan Thitakom (Thai) ,Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar (Mongolian) , Ms. Can Tieu Hy (Vietnamese)
- 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

#### ●Profile of judges



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.



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.



Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar (Mongolian)

Received the highest award at 8th international Manga Award in 2015.

✂Refer to his detailed profile below



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.

## ●Schedule

Illustrator contest Asia First round

Application period : 6 April 2017 – 1 July 2017

Result announcement date : End of July 2017

Illustrator contest Asia Second round

Application period : 1 August 2017 – 1 November 2017

Result announcement date : End of November 2017

Illustrator contest Asia Third round

Application period : 1 November 2017 – 31 December 2017

Result announcement date : End of January 2018

Illustrator contest Asia Championship

Vote start: 1 March 2018

Result announcement date: End of March 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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