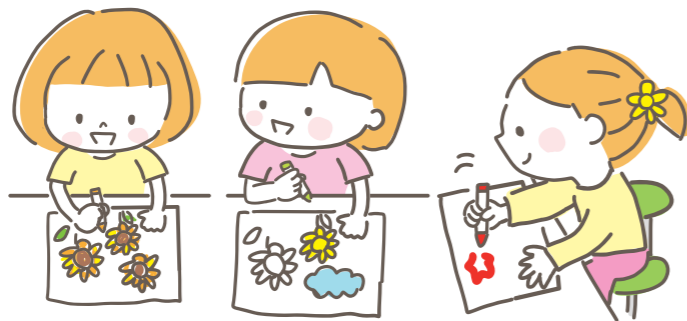


About the Sakai Town International Children's Art Exhibition

Cultural exchange between Sakai, Ibaraki and Argentina started in 1935, followed by being sister cities with Marikina, The Philippines in 2017, and Honolulu, Hawaii, USA in 2021. Sakai Town has a great desire to deepen its friendship with these cities and countries thus hosting "The Sakai Town International Children's Art Exhibition."

"Sakai Town International Children's Art Exhibition" hopes not only to build a foundation for the creativity and rich emotion of the children who hold our future, but also to have a mutual understanding of different cultures, as well as contribute to the development of a society striving towards multicultural coexistence. We call for children's paintings to display for the 3rd exhibition(2025).



Shipping Address and Inquiries

Sakai Town International Children's Art Exhibition Office

Sakai Town Hall

Kyouiku-Gakusyuka

Board of Education

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URL <https://www.town.ibaraki-sakai.lg.jp/page/dir000943.html>



The 3rd Sakai Town International Children's Art Exhibition

Application Guidelines for Entries

Children from Sakai Town (Japan), Argentina, Marikina City (The Philippines) and Honolulu, Hawaii (USA)
Let's learn more about each other through ART!



Organized by Sakai Town, Ibaraki

Period for entry

July 1, 2025 (Tue) to September 1, 2025 (Mon)

※Entries postmarked on or before September 1, 2025 (Mon) will be accepted.

Requirements for entry

Applicants must be any of the following:

- residing in Argentina
- residing in Marikina City (The Philippines)
- residing in Honolulu, Hawaii (USA)
- residing in countries and cities exchanging with Sakai Town, Ibaraki, Japan
 - * Japanese & Japanese descendants residing in the above-mentioned countries are also accepted to participate.
- 4 - 15 years old



Entries

Theme:

Open

*Painting judged to potentially infringe upon the rights of third parties by imitating characters will be excluded from selection and screening.

Artwork Dimensions(Paper Size):

380 mm x 540 mm or less with a thickness of 10 mm or less.

*Painting should not be framed.

Number of entries:

One(1) entry per person

- *Painting submitted must be the unreleased original sole work of the applicant.
- *Collaborations and series artworks shall not be accepted.

Materials:

Crayon, watercolor, oil, pencil, print, collage.

The following works are not accepted:

- Digital works.
- Works with considerable unevenness.
- Do not use grains that may cause insect infestation or rotting.



How to Enter

Please fill out the "Entry Form" and "Registration Form". Attach the "Entry Form" at the back of your painting. The Registration Form should be enclosed with your painting.

There are two (2) types of entries:

- group entry
- individual entry

You can make copies of the "Entry Form" and "Registration Form", if needed.

The "Entry Form" and "Registration Form" can be downloaded from the official website:

Sakai Town Office

<https://www.town.ibaraki-sakai.lg.jp/page/dir000943.html>



How to send:

Postal Services, International courier services, etc.

- * Customs duty rate and other mailing cost are at the participant's expense.
- * Please see the back cover for the Shipping Address of works and Inquiries.

Judging

Judging schedule:

October, 2025 (tentative)

Judges (Scheduled) :

Satoshi UCHIUMI (Painter, Art Advisor of Sakai Town),
Kazuhiro UNO (Painter, Art Advisor of Sakai Town), etc.

Notification of results:

Scheduled on November, 2025

- * Only selected participants will be notified.
- * Group applications (schools, art schools, etc.) will be notified through the group /organization they belong to.

Individual applicants will be notified via post or email.

The information will also be announced on the official website:

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Number of works to be selected

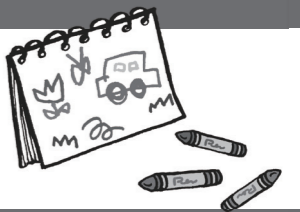
Approx. 140

Selection and Prizes

Grand Prizes: Two works

Special Prize: Sakai Mayor's Award

- * Grand Prize and Special Prize winners will be given art materials.
- * All winners will be given certificate.



Awards Ceremony

Late November, 2025

Venue: Chuo Kominkan (Central community center) of Sakai Town

Exhibition

Scheduled December 20,2025 to February 8, 2026

Venue: S-Gallery of Sakai Town



Others

All submitted works will not be returned.

Sakai Town will keep and give a practical use to the selected works.

* Please make a copy of your work if you want one for yourself.

Ownership and Copyright of the Works:

Ownership and copyrights (including the rights stipulated on Articles 27 and 28 of the Copyright Law) of the selected and unselected works belong to the government of Sakai Town, Ibaraki. Participants will should give up all copyrights of their works to the government of Sakai Town Ibaraki Prefecture.

Selected and Unselected Works:

Selected works will be exhibited and used in publications, posters, calendars, and other printed materials as part of the project to promote cross-cultural exchange and understanding through painting. They also will be used for lending to public organizations and so on.

* The name of the artist, the name of his/her organization, and the age of the artist will be clearly indicated in the caption of the work and in publications.

Unselected works will be donated to public organizations.