

JIIA's 60th Anniversary Essay Contest

For its 60th anniversary, the Japan Institute of International Affairs is holding an essay contest to answer the question “Is it possible to build an international order based on free, fair and transparent rules?”

Today, the rules-based international order faces serious challenges from the rise of nationalism and populism, widespread authoritarianism, growing skepticism about liberal values, rampant expansion of unilateralism, and the malfunctioning of international institutions.

Underlying this is a huge wave of change propelled by widening economic disparities and reactions against economic globalization, intensifying racial and religious conflicts partly due to the explosions in the numbers of migrants and refugees, the widespread dissemination of inflammatory and divisive rhetoric facilitated by dramatic improvements in communication capabilities, rapid changes to security environments caused by the development of cutting-edge military technologies, and global warming and other environmental issues.

JIIA would like to take a broad and multifaceted approach in discussing whether it is possible under such circumstances to rebuild a free, fair and transparent rules-based international order, and what actions should be taken by states, international institutions, think tanks and other elements of civil society to this end. We are taking any and all opinions from applicants.

【Contest Details】

1. Topic: Is it possible to build an international order based on free, fair and transparent rules?
2. Qualifications: University students and adults interested in diplomacy and national security (regardless of age or nationality)
3. Length: No more than 10,000 characters for essays in Japanese (including footnotes), and no more than 4,000 words for essays in English

4. Deadline: October 31, 2019
5. How to Apply: (1) The applicant information form (click [here](#)), (2) an essay summary, and (3) the full essay should be e-mailed to rombun@jia.or.jp.
6. Judges: JIA President Kenichiro Sasae, Acting Director General Yasunori Nakayama, Executive Director Tetsuo Takagi
7. Contest Results: Winners will be informed by the end of November. The award ceremony will be held on December 2-3 (tentative/TBC). Please note travel expense to the award ceremony venue will not be covered by JIA.
8. Award: 100,000 yen (first prize)/50,000 yen (three runner-up winners). The winning entries will be published on JIA's website and in a JIA publication.
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