

The 37th Annual Akegarasu Haya Prize Essay Contest

Akegarasu Haya (1877-1954) was one of the most famous thinkers in modern Japan. He was born in Hakusan City, (in the area previously known as Matto City), Ishikawa prefecture, Japan. His wide reading of books from around the world, especially on the topics of art and philosophy, gained him a reputation as a very learned man. His works on philosophy exerted great influence on Japanese spiritual culture in the first half of the 20th century.

Hakusan City established 'The Akegarasu Haya Prize' to honor his remarkable achievements, while aiming to foster in the youth of today that same appreciation of their own cultural traditions. These young people will become the world leaders of tomorrow.

In recognizing the importance of all the different cultures around the globe, the organizers of the Akegarasu Haya Prize will accept essays from both Japan and abroad.

Instructions to authors

Authors are requested to follow the instructions indicated below.

Submission of manuscripts

Only original articles are accepted. Previously published papers will not be accepted. Any manuscripts, documents, or photographs submitted will not be returned to the author. Papers selected for publication will appear in booklet form, and the copyright will be held by Hakusan City. Those who have acquired the Akegarasu Haya prize in the past do not qualify for submission.

1. Application category

Category I: An essay on philosophy or thought

Choose one of the following topics:

- An essay that will give us hope and suggestions for our future lives
- A criticism on a philosopher or a thinker
- A new criticism or interpretation on works of history, ethnology, or literature

Your argument should be made in a creative manner with the overall structure being clear and easy to read. (Essays that are suitable for younger readers will be especially appreciated.)

Category II: An essay or practical record of concrete activities that enable young people to be raised in a sound and healthy way

The theme of Category II relates to the different environments in which learning occurs for young people at home, in school, at the office, in the community, or within private enterprise.

This category covers the promotion of new life-experiences, volunteer activities, international exchanges, or activities to prevent juvenile delinquency. This category also relates to vocational guidance, educational guidance, sports, cultural activities and the rights of children.

2. Manuscripts

Authors are encouraged to submit essays via email. MS Word can be used for the text files.

Authors who are unable to submit their manuscripts via email must send them as Word files by regular mail, arriving before the deadline.

1) Language

English or Japanese.

2) Essay format

1. Manuscripts must include an abstract, keywords, text and references.

Abstracts should not exceed 300 words.

Category I: The word count must be between 3,600 and 6,000 words

Category II: The word count must be between 3,000 and 5,000 words.

(Essays more or less than this will NOT be accepted.)

2. Titles and subtitles

Titles within the manuscript should be numbered according to their hierarchical level

(example: 1 Heading level 1, 1.1 Heading level 2, 1.2.1 Heading level 3,).

3. Page and text format

Pages should be formatted as A4 standard (21 x 29.7cm), double-spaced, Times 12-pitch font, with 1-inch (2.5 cm) margins on all four sides of the page.

3. Author information

Manuscripts should be submitted together with the author's information, including their age, address, telephone number, and professional and academic background. This information will only be used for contacting the author, and will not be disclosed for any other purposes.

4. Deadline

Manuscripts should arrive at the secretariat by **August 13 (Fri), 2021.**

5. Awards

Category I: A prize of 500,000 yen is awarded to the best essay on the theme mentioned above.

Category II: A prize of 300,000 yen is awarded to the best essay on the theme mentioned above.

6. Notification of results

The selection committee will select the award-winning manuscripts and notify the winners mid October 2021.

Inquiries

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