

G7 Japan 2016 Ise-Shima Photography Contest Winners



Japanese Nature Division

Eternal

Yo Iwata
MIE / Meoto-iwa (wedded rocks)

A photograph that captures the slanted rays of the sunrise taken on my first visit to the Meoto-iwa. To capture a place said to be of the gods' since ancient times, I used a long exposure to express the pure beauty of Japan.



Life in Japan Division

Guided by The Milky Way

Eiji Nakane
IBARAKI / Suigo Itako Ayame Park

An event recreating the "wedding boat" tradition from the Edo period, when brides rode on boats to their grooms. The many LED lights set loose in the river looked very much like the stars. It was like taking a photograph of a fantastic fairy-tale called "The Wedding Boat Floats Upon the Milky Way."

The Government of Japan held the G7 Japan 2016 Ise-Shima Photography Contest. More than 17,000 submissions were received from Japan and abroad. We are grateful for the many submissions.

Following a rigorous judging process, the following four photographs were selected as recipients of the Prime Minister's Award.



Japanese Culture Division

Young Man

Fumi Komata
NAGANO / Nanakuri Shrine, Iida City

A tradition practiced for 700 years. I was moved by the dance of the figure with a rope tied around his waist and a water pail raised overhead.



Smartphone Division

Aya Ebihara
TOKYO / Kindergarten bus taking children home

My son and his friend . . . feeling worn out?



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