

# World Oceans Day Photography Comp '21

## Australian High Commission World Oceans Day Photography Competition

### Terms and Conditions

The Australian High Commission in Sri Lanka and Maldives is proud to present a photography competition in celebration of World Oceans Day commencing on 8 June 2021. World Oceans Day is a day for humanity to celebrate the ocean and our relationship with it.

The theme of World Oceans Day 2021 – *'the ocean: lives and livelihoods'* – is particularly relevant to all of us in Sri Lanka and Maldives, where the oceans are an inextricable part of our existence.

The competition will look to highlight the unique beauty of Sri Lanka and Maldives' marine environment and the challenges faced by it, today.

We invite all Sri Lankan and Maldivian citizens or permanent residents to enter.

### HOW IT WORKS

The World Oceans Day Photography Competition will run from Thursday 8 June to Wednesday 14 June 2021 on the Australian High Commission's Instagram page (@AusHCSriLankaMaldives).

To be in the running, participants will need to:

1. Follow the Australian High Commission's Instagram page (@AusHCSriLankaMaldives)
2. Post a picture of an ocean or a beach (that you have taken yourself!) on Instagram, with a description of what that picture means to you
3. Tag the Australian High Commission Instagram on the photo and use the hashtag #WorldOceanDayAusHC

The photo must be taken by the entrant, and cannot be a copyrighted work. By entering the photo into the competition, the entrant gives the Australian High Commission permission to post the photo on its social media channels.

Entry is free.

### SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Three winning photos will be selected from among the entries and will win a special prize bundle from the Australian High Commission.

Winners will be selected by the Australian High Commissioner and/or other staff of the Australian High Commission, Colombo.

Entries may be judged on a range of criteria, including the photo's aesthetic qualities, creativity or environmental message. The judges' decisions are final.

The winners will be announced on the Australian High Commission's Instagram (@AusHCSriLankaMaldives) and Facebook pages at 4.00pm (SLST) on Friday 16 June 2021.

### WHO CAN ENTER

To be eligible for the competition, participants must:

1. Be a Sri Lankan or a Maldivian citizen or Sri Lankan or Maldivian permanent resident, currently residing in Sri Lanka and/or Maldives; and
2. Follow the Australian High Commission on our Instagram page.

### CONTACT US

If you have any questions about the competition, please email us at [colomboPD@dfat.gov.au](mailto:colomboPD@dfat.gov.au) or directly message us on the Instagram platform.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ENTERING THE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION.**

### **Introduction**

1. The World Ocean Day Photography Competition ("Competition") is organised by the Australian High Commission, Colombo (AHC).
2. These terms and conditions establish the parameters under which you are entitled to participate in the Competition. By entering the Competition, you confirm you have read, understood and agree to abide by, these terms and conditions.

### **Eligibility**

3. Subject to paragraph 4 below, the Competition is open to all Sri Lankan and Maldivian citizens and Sri Lankan and Maldivian permanent residents who have followed Australian High Commission Instagram page: [www.instagram.com/AusHCSriLankaMaldives](http://www.instagram.com/AusHCSriLankaMaldives).
4. Employees of AHC Colombo or its attached agencies and/or their immediate family members may not enter the Competition. Immediate family members include spouse, de facto partner, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparent and/or siblings (and their spouses).
5. AHC Colombo reserves the right to verify the eligibility of each entrant and to exclude and/or disqualify participants if they:
  - a) do not meet the requirements set out in paragraph 3 above;
  - b) breach these terms and conditions; and/or
  - c) are in AHC's view, likely to bring AHC into disrepute.

### **Competition Period**

6. The World Oceans Day Photography Competition will run from 00:00 Thursday 8 June 2021 to 23:59 Wednesday 14 June 2021 and will be conducted on AHC's Instagram page [@AusHCSriLankaMaldives](https://www.instagram.com/AusHCSriLankaMaldives).

### **How to Enter**

7. Entry to the Competition is free.
8. To enter the Competition, participants must upload an original photograph to Instagram, tagging [@AusHCSriLankaMaldives](https://www.instagram.com/AusHCSriLankaMaldives) and using the hashtag [#WorldOceansDayAusHC](https://www.instagram.com/WorldOceansDayAusHC).
9. Participants are only entitled to submit two photographs each for the competition. Participants will not be eligible to win multiple prizes.
10. AHC will not be responsible for any photograph which is submitted late, incomplete or otherwise not received by AHC for any reason, including internet connection failures, internet failures and disruptions, and ISP problems.
11. AHC will not be responsible for any costs Participants incur in entering this Competition.

### **How Prize winners are selected**

12. Three winning photos will be selected from among the entries and winners will receive a special prize bundle from the Australian High Commission.
13. Winners will be selected by the Australian High Commissioner and/or other staff of the Australia High Commission, Colombo.
14. Entries may be judged on a range of criteria, including the photo's aesthetic qualities, creativity, or environmental message. AHC's decisions as to the winners of the prizes shall be final and AHC will not enter into any further correspondence in this respect.
15. In the event it is discovered after selection of a prize winner that they do not meet the Competition eligibility requirements or if they are subsequently disqualified by AHC, AHC will have the right to re-select a winner in accordance with these terms and conditions.

## **How winners will be notified**

16. The winners will be announced on the Australian High Commission's Instagram (@AusHCSriLankaMaldives) and Facebook pages at 4.00pm (SLST) on Friday 16 June 2021. All winners will be 'tagged' on the announcement Instagram post.
17. AHC will also notify each prize winner on Instagram direct message within two business days of publishing the result. At this time, AHC will also seek their details (name, age) ("Personal Details") and contact details, to organise collection of the prizes.
18. Prize winners must provide the Personal Details and contact details within five (5) business days of the request by AHC. If the winner fails to provide AHC with the requested details within this timeframe, they will forfeit their prize and AHC reserves the right to select another winner, in accordance with these terms and conditions.
19. For the avoidance of doubt, all correspondence will be deemed to be successful once recorded as sent by AHC and once received by AHC on its Instagram Page and/or computer records.
20. Apart from as specified in paragraphs 16 and 17 above, AHC will not be obliged to issue any reminder or further notification regarding the collection of the prizes.
21. Each participant is required to notify AHC immediately if there is any update to their Personal Details, contact details or Facebook account details.

## **Collecting the Prizes**

22. Prize winners may be required to show their birth certificate, passport, driving license or other appropriate form of photo identification, in order to redeem their prizes.
23. Prize winners are to collect their prizes from Australian High Commission office located on Senanayake Mawatha, Colombo 07, between normal office hours. If this is not feasible due to COVID-19 restrictions or other extenuating factors, other arrangements may be negotiated.

## **Dispute resolution**

24. No correspondence regarding these terms and conditions will be entertained. AHC reserves its rights to determine an outcome and act as it deems fit in any dispute(s) and/or issue(s) relating thereto.

## **Privacy and intellectual property**

25. Each Competition participant grants AHC the right to use his/her Personal Details, likeness, comments and/or Competition content for promotional purposes without payment of additional consideration, except where prohibited by law. This includes but is not limited to announcing the result of the Competition or publishing prize winners on AHC's Instagram page.
26. This promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Instagram. You understand that you are providing your information to AHC, and not to Instagram. Your use of this site is subject to [DFAT's Privacy Policy](#).

## **Indemnity and limitation of liability**

27. Each Competition participant agrees to indemnify, release and hold harmless AHC from any liability, damages, losses or injury resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from that person's participation in the Competition and the acceptance, use or misuse of any prize that may be won.
28. To the extent permitted by law, AHC is not liable for any direct, special, indirect or consequential damages, or any other damages of any kind, including but not limited to losses of revenue, goodwill or reputation, or computer viruses, arising in relation to a person's participation in the Competition.
29. AHC is not responsible for any typographical or other errors in the offer or administration of the Competition, including but not limited to, errors in any publishing of these terms and conditions, selection or announcement of any winner, or distribution of any prize.

## **AHC's rights**

30. AHC reserves the right to vary, amend, delete or supplement any of these terms and conditions, at any time, in its sole absolute discretion and without prior notice and a participants' continued participation in the Competition amounts to acceptance of these revised terms and conditions.
31. Participants should ensure they check AHC's Instagram page on a regular basis for any changes. If a Participant does not agree to a change, they may withdraw from the Competition by emailing [colomboPD@dfat.gov.au](mailto:colomboPD@dfat.gov.au)
32. Failure to enforce any of these terms and conditions by AHC in any instance(s) does not constitute any waiver by AHC of its rights which shall be expressly reserved.
33. If, for any reason, any aspect of the Competition is not capable of being run as planned, including by way of a computer virus or causes beyond the control of AHC, AHC reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Competition, at its sole discretion. In the event of such cancellation, termination or modification, AHC may at its absolute discretion elect not to award any prizes in respect of this Competition.