

THE INTERNATIONAL AQUATIC PLANTS LAYOUT CONTEST 2009



► Join the world's largest and the highest level contest !!
Grand Prize JPY 1,000,000!! Closing Date: May 31 2009

9th Annual International Aquatic Plants Layout Contest is a global-scale planted aquarium layout contest, organized by Aqua Design Amano Co., Ltd, and its purpose is to help and nurture the development of this wonderful hobby. We look forward to receiving many innovative and original layout designs in the contest 2009!

Closing Date for application

The application must reach us no later than May 31, 2009.

Subject

Only freshwater planted aquarium is the subject of the contest. Anyone interested in the planted aquarium can apply for the contest. In case of open type aquarium, only underwater part becomes the subject of the judgment.

Entry

- Anyone interested in the planted aquarium is welcome to the contest.
- Only unreleased / unpublished work produced by an individual applicant is accepted. (There is no regulation in the aquarium size.)
- We accept only 1(one) layout application with 1(one) image/photo per applicant.
- In case the applicant ranked 27th or higher in the previous contests where he/she used the same layout materials (such as driftwood and stone) or the same layout composition with slight alternations (for example, changing just the plants), the applied work will be the subject of point-deduction.
- The use of house plants or marginal plants, which hardly survives in the water, becomes the subject of point-deduction.
- Please take a picture of whole aquarium from the front side. (The picture taken in angle or the one showing only part of the aquarium becomes the subject of point-deduction.)

We accept a color reversal film and color negative film, also an image taken by digital camera. The copyright of all submitted images to the contest will belong to Aqua Design Amano Co., Ltd. The submitted film, print and media will not be returned to the applicants.

ENTRY FEE

No Entry fee

The contest booklet – Since the contest 2007, we ask the applicants to purchase the contest booklet at their own expense. We did not arrive at this decision quickly nor easily, but as the size of the contest expanded, it became necessary for continuation of this world's largest planted aquarist event successfully. We appreciate your understanding and continued support for ADA International Aquatic Plants Layout Contest! Please visit our web site at www.iapl.com The booklet will be ready in autumn 2009.

Color Reversal Film

- You can use any film size.
- Please put the film in a mount, and write your name on the mount.
- Please send the mounted film and application form together.

Color negative Film

- Please make sure to send 2L size (127x178mm) print for the layout confirmation.
- Please write your name on the back of the print.
- Please send the film and application form together.

Please fill out the application form in block letter.

Digital Camera data

- Please use 4.0 mega pixels or higher resolution digital camera, SLR digital camera and take a photograph with high resolution mode.
- Please save the image in JPEG or TIFF format in CD-R.
- Do not make any image processing such as trimming or retouch.

Application submission

1. Online Submission
Starting with the contest 2007, applicants can submit their entries online. Save on postage and take advantage of this user-friendly process. **To submit your work online, please go to www.iapl.com where you will find easy application fill-in form.**

2. Hard Copy Submission (Color reversal or negative film and digital camera data in CD-R)
Hard Copy applications should be sent to our address in Japan, or nearby local representative address with the material and application form.

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Contest Result Announcement

All the contest entries will go through impartial judgment, and the final contest result will be directly sent by airmail to each applicant by the end of July, 2009. Then the result will be published on our contest website, www.iapl.com, and the following aquarium magazines.

AQUA LIFE, AQUA JOURNAL (JAPAN), The Aquatic Gardener, Tropical Fish Hobbyist (U.S.A.), IL MIO Acquario(ITALY), AQUARIUM LIVE (GERMANY), Aqua Plaisir (FRANCE), AKWARIUM (POLAND), Аквариум (RUSSIA), AQUA PETS MAGAZINE (TAIWAN), Simply Aquarium (Ukraine), AQUA (Thailand), Aquarium World Journal (Turkey), Aqua Magazine (Brazil), AKUVARIUM Zive (Czech Republic)

Contest Prize

Grand Prize	1	JPY1,000,000	Certificate, Metal Plate
Gold Prize	1	JPY300,000	Certificate, Metal Plate
Silver Prize	2	JPY100,000	Certificate, Metal Plate
Bronze Prize	3	JPY50,000	Certificate, Metal Plate
Honor Prize	20	JPY10,000	Certificate, Metal Plate
Winning Work	100	-	Certificate

*High ranked pictures will be published on the booklet,
"THE INTERNATIONAL AQUATIC PLANTS LAYOUT CONTEST 2009."
The awarding ceremony and Nature Aquarium Party will be held at Tokyo International Forum in Tokyo, Japan in autumn 2009. We will be honored to have all the top 7 awardees in the ceremony and look forward to seeing every single contestant there!! The prize money is awarded only at the ceremony.

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* must be filled by ENGLISH Alphabet

First Name :	Family Name :	*First Name :	*Family Name :	*E-mail :
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*Street address :	*City :	*State/Province :	*Post code :	*Country :
Phone number :	Aquarium Size :	Layout Title :		
	W × D × H (cm)			
Fish :	Water Plants :			