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**TOKYO AWAITS TEXACO CHILDREN’S ART WINNER**

Coupled with the prestige of becoming the overall competition winner and being awarded a €1,500 prize, an invitation to the International High School Arts Festival in Tokyo awaits the winner of Category A (16-18 years) in this year’s 62nd Texaco Children’s Art Competition.

Travelling at the invitation of Japan's International Foundation for Arts and Culture, the 2016 winner will be invited to attend the exhibition in person which takes place from June 22nd to July 3rd at Japan’s largest art museum - the prestigious National Art Center in Tokyo.

The winning artwork will be exhibited amongst 400 pieces that have been selected from over 11,000 artworks that have been submitted for consideration from senior school students who are representative of countries across the globe.

Described as a global showcase for the world's best young artistic talent, the purpose of the festival is to provide an international platform for young people to engage in their artistic exploration of the world and to nurture a broader understanding of the experiences and events that impact on the younger generation across different cultures.

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**Editor’s Notes:**

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