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**Asian largest illustration contest "Illustrator contest Asia"
Notice regarding the completion of 3rd round**

Wedge Holdings CO., LTD (HQ : Chuo-ku, Tokyo Japan, CEO: Tatsuya Konoshita) hosts illustration contest "Illustrator contest Asia" in Mongol, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia. We held 1st round in April and 2nd round in July. This was the 3rd round which we closed the vote on 20 November 2017 and presented the result on 30 November 2017.

<http://brain-navi.asia/acv/>

The concept of contest is "The Gate to the World for Asian talents" and the main purpose of contest is to find talented creators in these countries and market them to the world. In 3rd round, we received more than 1,400 illustrations and more than 13,000 votes for a best illustration.

In this contest, many creators participated and got stimulated by having a chance to show their works to overseas people which they have not experienced before. We will ongoingly hold the "Illustration contest Asia championship" to select the best illustration out of 27 works selected by judges and selected by votes at each country.

We will make presentations of the excellent illustration works of selected creators in Japan and other countries. And we may secure exclusive management contracts with them and give them full supports of promotion and marketing to the world. We secured an exclusive management contract with Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar who is a representative comic artist of Mongolia on 6 April 2017. He conducted his promotional activities in Asia and Europe in this year.

We take advantage of accomplishments in contents industry filed over the years and expansion in Asian countries and will find hidden talents such as illustrators and others.

【「Illustrator contest Asia」】 information

Overview <Illustrator contest Asia>

- Panel of judges : Mr. Akira Itou (Japanese) , Mr. Chris Lie (Indonesian) , Ms. Can Tieu Hi (Vietnamese) , Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar (Mongolian) ,Mr. Anan Thitakom (Thai)
 - Result announcement : official website
 - Host : Wedge Holdings CO., LTD、 Brain Navi (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
 - Official website : <http://brain-navi.asia/acv/>
- ※Please refer to official website for latest information

●Profile of judges



Mr. Akira Itou (Japanese)

An original writer of “CARDFIGHT!! Vanguard” which is very popular in Asia and North America. His comic works became films and broadcasted all over the world.



Chris Lie (Indonesian)

He has been in charge of manga, toys design, and concept art for “GI Joe”, “Amazing Spiderman”, “Transformer” and “Marvel Ultimate Alliance 2” since 2005. He received outstanding award at “Street Fighter IV Cover Illustration Competition”



Ms. Can Tieu Hi (Vietnamese)

Her comic work “Gateway to Underworld” was selected as an award for excellence at 10th international Manga Award out of 296 works from 55 countries. It was the first comic publishing by advance booking and became a bestseller, 3,000 copies sold-out at first day.



Mr. Nambaral Erdenebayar (Mongolian)
Received the highest award at 8th international Manga Award in 2015 with his work "Bumbardai" which was selected out of many works from 46 countries. "Bumbardai" is about love of parent & child and a representative comic work in Mongolia.



Mr. Anan Thitakom (Thai)
Over 20 years of career in comic, he's filed and positioned as No.1 in Thailand and also entrusted with X-men works (Thai version) by Marvel Comic.

●Schedule

Illustrator contest Asia First round

Application period : 6 April 2017 – 1 July 2017

Result announcement date : End of July 2017

Illustrator contest Asia Second round

Application period : 1 July 2017 – 31 August 2017

Result announcement date : End of September 2017

Illustrator contest Asia Third round

Application period : 1 September 2017 – 31 October 2017

Result announcement date : End of November 2017

Illustrator contest Asia Championship

Vote start: 1 December 2017

Result announcement date: 4 January 2018

The awards ceremony of "Illustrator contest Asia championship" will take place in Japan.

※The schedules are subject to change over time.

※Please refer to official website for latest information

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