



11th JAPAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
**MANGA  
AWARD**

第11回 日本国際漫画賞



Gold Award trophy

Application Period: March 17 to June 16

Call for applicants to the 11th Japan International MANGA Award

Guidelines for application will be available at the following website:

[http://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/index\\_e.html](http://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/index_e.html)

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Japan International MANGA Award

[Chicago, March 16, 2017] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Japan Foundation in Tokyo will launch the Eleventh Japan International MANGA Award and begin to accept entries for the Award.

Entries will be accepted as follows:

- (1) From Friday, March 17th to Friday, June 16th 2017.
- (2) Entries need to be sent to:  
Japan Information Center  
737 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 1000. Chicago, IL 606011

\*Details for the guidelines on the application can be found on the web site of The Japan international MANGA Award([http://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/index\\_e.html](http://www.manga-award.mofa.go.jp/index_e.html)).

The Japan International MANGA Award was established in May 2007 upon the initiative of then Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Taro Aso, with the aim of awarding MANGA creators who contribute to the spread of MANGA culture overseas and international cultural exchanges through MANGA. The Award has been presented every year since then.

Among entries, the gold Award will be given to the best work and the Silver Awards to three other excellent works. The awardees will be invited to Japan by the Japan Foundation to attend the award ceremony. During their stay in Japan (generally for 10 days), they will also have the opportunity to exchange ideas with Japanese MANGA creators, visit publishing companies and make an excursion to local sites.

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## **The Eleventh Japan International MANGA Award Guidelines for Application**

1. Purpose  
To spread MANGA culture overseas and promote international cultural exchanges through MANGA.
2. Prize
  - (1) The Gold Award of the Eleventh Japan International MANGA Award will be given to the best MANGA work and the Silver Award to three other excellent works.
  - (2) The Gold Award and the Silver Award winners will be invited to Japan on the occasion of the award ceremony for around 10 days as a supplementary prize (the fine work winners are not entitled).
3. Conditions of Entry
  - (1) Eligible MANGA works need to be composed of more than 16 pages. Both published and unpublished works are eligible to apply, excluding the past winning works of Japan International Manga Awards.
  - (2) Eligible MANGA works should be the ones which have been produced within the past three years (2014-2017) from the date of application.
  - (3) Eligible MANGA works must be submitted in printed form. (Submission of data might be required later on.)
  - (4) Overseas publishing companies can apply to the Eleventh Japan International MANGA Award, upon confirmation from the MANGA artists of submitting their work.
  - (5) Either the comic artist or story writer of the submitted work has to be a foreign national. Also the representative who will participate in the invitation program given to the Gold / Silver Award winners must be a foreign national.
  - (6) Only one work may be submitted per applicant.  
Only one work may be accepted under one title (or series).  
In case that a collection of short stories is to be applied, only one story will be accepted for examination.  
Duplicate entries will be invalid.
  - (7) For the purpose of publicity, the MANGA Award Executive Committee may upload the winner's MANGA works (partially) on its website upon obtaining approval from the artists.
4. How to Apply
  - (1) Application Period  
**March 17th 2017 – June 16th 2017** (entries must arrive by this date)
  - (2) Applications should be sent to either i) or ii) below.
    - i) Japanese Embassies or Consulates General (Check online for each address.)
    - ii) P.O.Box  
MBE 15 The Eleventh Japan International MANGA Award Executive Committee  
B1F Yuraku-cho bldg.  
1-10-1 Yuraku-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN  
Postcode: 100-0006
  - (3) **Two copies** of your work must be submitted.  
(Additional copies may be requested for works being considered for an award.)

(4) An entry form, filled in either **English or Japanese**, must be attached to the work.

Page numbers must be indicated on every page of the work.

If the work is not in the form of a book, it needs to be indicated clearly if there is any specific two-page spread in the work.

5. Return of Works

The submitted works will **not** be returned to applicants. Therefore, if the work has not yet been published, please be advised to submit a copy of the work and keep the original. The submitted works might be donated or exhibited.

6. Selection

The Eleventh Japan International MANGA Award Evaluation Committee will be responsible for the selection procedures.

7. Award Ceremony

The award ceremony is planned to be held in Tokyo in February 2018. (END)