

Fourth Japan-EU English Haiku Contest
-Winners will be invited to Japan or Belgium-
(Guidelines for Submission)

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■ **Introduction**

Mr Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, is a haiku poet who has published his own book of haiku poetry. To advance “People-to-people and cultural exchanges,” a common Japan-EU goal, the Japan-EU English Haiku Contest has been held three times previously. The third contest was held from June to July 2012 under the theme of “Dawn,” and 523 haiku poets participated in the competition.

This year, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the European Union are pleased to host the Fourth Japan-EU English Haiku Contest and call on contestants to share their haiku under the theme of “Rainbow”, hoping this contest will also deepen the relationship between Japan and the EU at the grass-root level.

■ **Organizers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA), Delegation of the European Union to Japan

■ **Sponsors:** Matsuyama City (Ehime Prefecture, Japan), Flemish Haiku Center (Belgium)

■ **Theme:** Rainbow

■ **Rules of entry:** Only one English haiku, previously unpublished, may be submitted per applicant. Please refer to some aspect of the theme “Rainbow.” Since haiku is considered to be the shortest poem in the world, three-line haiku is desirable. Seasonal words (Kigo) are not essential for the entries.

■ **Eligibility for participation:** The contest is open to the nationals of the EU member states (including Croatia; the same will apply hereinafter) and Japan who are currently residing in the EU or Japan. This is available to all ages.

■ **Submission:** Please fill out the entry form and submit it by email to:
japaneuhaiku-contest@mofa.go.jp

*Please note that English haiku submitted in the *Haiku Post* in the Delegation of Japan to the European Union in Brussels will not be considered as entry for this contest.

■ **Deadline:** 1st August 2013 (2:00 AM, Brussels time)

■ **Judges:** Official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Official from the Delegation of the European Union to Japan
Haiku specialists

■ **FACEBOOK Fan Page**

www.facebook.com/haikucontest

We have set up a Fan Page for the Contest on Facebook. Randomly selected haiku will be uploaded to the Facebook Fan Page. Those registered on Facebook can communicate with applicants from Japan and the EU. (Please refer to www.facebook.com for details about the method of registration and utilization of Facebook.)

■ **Awards:** One winner each from the EU and Japan will be announced in due course. MOFA will offer the winner from the EU a round-trip to Matsuyama City, the birthplace of modern Haiku in Japan. The EU Delegation to Japan will invite the winner from Japan to Belgium, the home country of European Council President H.E. Mr. Herman Van Rompuy who loves Haiku and an active Haikuist himself.

*The contest winners will be notified by e-mail and be given further details of the round-trip prize. Please note that related expenses covered by the organizers have certain limitation.

■ **Contact:** To make an inquiry, please contact us by email.

European Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (japaneuhaiku-contest@mofa.go.jp)

Fourth Japan-EU English Haiku Contest Entry Form

Please email to japaneuhaiku-contest@mofa.go.jp

	Given Name	Family Name
*Name		
*Address		
*E-Mail		
*Telephone		
*Nationality		
*Age		
Profession/School name		

*One Haiku	
Messages	

Note:

- 1) Items marked with an asterisk * must be filled in completely.
- 2) Only one haiku, previously unpublished, may be submitted per applicant.
- 3) Submitted haiku and the name of the haiku poets may be made public, shown on homepages, Facebook, or otherwise displayed under the copyright of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Union.
- 4) Your personal information will be used for official reason only by organizers and sponsors.