

## **47<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION - Great platform to showcase your writing talent**

Each year the UPU International Bureau organizes the UPU/UNESCO Letter-Writing Competition for young people. The purpose of organizing this competition for young people is to develop their skills in composition and the subtlety of their thought, to foster an appreciation for the art of letter writing and to contribute to the strengthening of International friendship. This competition has proven to be an excellent way of encouraging literacy and developing the fine art of letter writing in children.

Bhutan Post would like to invite entries for the **47<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION** for young people for 2018 on the theme: **"Imagine you are a letter travelling through time. What message do you wish to convey to your readers?"**

The best three entries at the national level will win cash prizes and stamp albums as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner: Cash prize of Ngultrum 5,000/- and stamp album
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner: Cash prize of Ngultrum 3,000/- and stamp album
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner: Cash prize of Ngultrum 2,000/- and stamp album

The first prize winning entry will be sent to UPU to compete at the international level, amongst the UPU member countries in the world. The best three entries at the international level will receive:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner: Gold Medal and a certificate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner: Silver Medal and a certificate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner: Bronze Medal with a certificate

### **RULES OF THE UPU/UNESCO INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

1. Only young people up to the age of **15 years maximum** may take part in the competition.
2. The composition must be presented in the form of a letter and contain the basic elements thereof, such as date, opening and closing salutation and signature and should not exceed the limit of **1000 words**.

3. Entries must strictly respect the set theme which is **""Imagine you are a letter travelling through time. What message do you wish to convey to your readers?""**
4. Entries should be clearly hand written in English language with full particulars (name, class and section and school and birthday) and two copies of a recent passport size photos. The letter should be certified by the Head of the concerned school/institute.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION AND SELECTION OF WINNERS**

- All entries will be judged by a Committee consisting of members from Bhutan Post, Department of Education and Ministry of Information & Communications.
- Participants must send their entries in original along with copy of passport size photo by post to the HEAD, Corporate & International Relations no later than **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**. Entries received after **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018** will not be considered.

Bhutan Post shall send the first best entry to the UPU

### **Winner of the 46<sup>th</sup> International Letter Writing Competition 2017**

We have received a total of eleven (11) entries from three (3) schools which were judged by a committee with members from Ministry of Information and Communications, Department of Education, MoE and Bhutan Pos for the 46<sup>th</sup> International Letter Writing competition. The theme for 2017 was: ***"Imagine that you are an advisor to the new UN Secretary General, which world issue would you help him tackle first, and how would you advise him to solve it."*** The top three entries at national level are:

1. First best entry: Ms. Tenzin Dresen Wangmo, Class VIII, Druk School



2. Second best entry: Ms. Samara Chhetri, Class VI, Etho Metho School
3. Third best entry: Ms. Lhajam Choden Tenzin, Class VIB, Jigme Losel Primary School

Ms. Eva Giordano Palacios, 14 years from Togo won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the international level.

For more information refer the following link:

<http://www.upu.int/en/the-upu/international-letter-writing-competition-for-young-people/2018-competition.html>

Good luck