

The 17th Children's Map Contest for Community Safety

<https://r-dmuch.jp/en/project/mapcontest/>

Application Guideline

■ Overview

Nowadays, more people are interested in ensuring that their local neighborhood is safe and secure against accidents and disasters, including natural disasters associated with earthquakes, concentrated heavy rain, and other such things, or traffic accidents and incidents of crime. Since 2007, we at the Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University have been holding an annual Map Contest for Community Safety for children in primary schools. We ask the children, together with guardians or members of their family, local residents, and teaching staff, to investigate the safety and security of their local areas and describe the results into maps. Through this, we hope to encourage the children to have greater interests in local safety and security as well as sharing of information. Every year, the submissions are judged by a strict panel of judges, and then the best works are put on display at the Institute. The works that are selected particularly excellent are then submitted to the Exhibition of the Excellent Mapping Works by Primary and Secondary School Children organized by Geospatial Information Authority of Japan, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (GSI-MLIT).

■ Application Qualification

Individual children or group in primary schools who are 12 years old or less

- ※ In principle, the group participation is subject to up to 4 primary school children.

- ※ With consideration for the safety and security on making a map by the field survey in their local areas and the purpose of map contest, one or more guardians who are over 20 years old will be required to work with the children.

■ Application Requirement

1. Requirement

We recommend that during a summer holiday, the children should make a map for community safety concerning the safety and security of their local area, such as an evacuation route/place map for natural disasters including earthquakes and concentrated heavy rain, a safety map on the way to

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and from the primary school, a safety and security map of children's playground and a map relevant to an unexpected and sudden accident/incident for children and adults. In the case of submitting a map, the title of the map is required. In addition, there is no scale or size requirement for local areas to be investigated for making a map. The Japanese or English language can be used.

2. Map size

The size should be approximately B0, 80cm~146cm (length) ×80cm~146cm (breadth).

3. Application Period:

Monday, 21 August, 2023 to Wednesday, 27 September, 2023

4. Application Materials

(1) Application Form

(2) Map for Community Safety made by the applicant

※ Application Form can be downloaded from our website below.

※ <https://r-dmuch.jp/en/project/mapcontest/>

5. Application Submission

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■ Selection and Awards

1. Selection Procedure

The submitted maps will be strictly and fairly judged by the reviewing committee of the Map Contest for Community Safety in accordance with the following 5 evaluation points, and finally, 10 maps will be selected.

1. Clarity of the expression of texts on a map
2. Clarity of objective and theme of a map
3. Originality and ingenuity of a map
4. Well-balanced structure and design of a map
5. Presence of sufficient information on a map

We will directly notify the result and details of the award ceremony to the guardian of individual children or representative of the group.

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2. Committee of Map Contest for Community Safety (as of April 2023)

Shinta YOSHITOMI	Director, Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Professor, College of Science and Engineering, Ritsumeikan University
Yoko SHIRAISHI	Director, Japan Institution for Safe Communities
Tomoki NAKAYA	Professor, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Tohoku University
Michinori HATAYAMA	Professor, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University
Norio MAKI	Professor, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University
Takeyuki OKUBO	Professor, College of Science and Engineering, Ritsumeikan University
Hidehiko KANEGAE	Professor, College of Policy Science, Ritsumeikan University
Naomi KAWASUMI	Professor, College of Letters, Ritsumeikan University
Kenzo TOKI	Special Research Fellow, Ritsumeikan University
Emiko HAZAMA	Professor, Kinugasa Research Organization, Ritsumeikan University
Shinsaku MUNEMOTO	Professor, College of Science and Engineering, Ritsumeikan University

3. Awards

First prize	1 map
Second prize	1 map
Selected prize	3 maps
Fine work prize	5 maps

The goods for each of the prizes include goods involved in disaster mitigation such as digital camera, terrestrial globe, rucksack, atlas, disaster migration pouch, branded towels, shoes etc. Please note that the participation prize will be given to all participants (stationary, etc.).

※The above goods might be changed in some cases.

4. Awards Ceremony

Date : Saturday, 21 October, 2023 (to be scheduled)

Venue : Conference Hall, Soushi-kan, Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University

※For safety and security, the guardians will be required to attend the ceremony with the children.

■ Exhibition

The selected maps will be displayed during the following period.

Date : Monday, 23 October, 2023 to Friday, 22 December 2023 (to be scheduled)

Venue : Exhibition Room, the 1st floor, Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University

※Please utilize the public transportation due to non-parking spaces affiliated with the Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage, Ritsumeikan University.

■ Other information

1. In cases where the children and guardians including local residents and teaching staff investigate the safety and security of their local area, please work together and pay close attention to traffic accidents. The Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage cannot assume the responsibility concerning any accidents/incidents during their investigation.
2. The Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage will not cover any expenditures including costs of an investigation and drawing up a map, a postage and travel expenses for attending an award ceremony.
3. In some cases, particularly excellent maps selected by the reviewing committee will be recommended to “The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism's National Children's Map Exhibition” organized by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan and “Children and Map” and “Primary School Children’s Map Poster Exhibition” published by Teikoku-Shoin Co., Ltd.
4. In some cases, the map, applicant’s name, photos and the video of award ceremony will be released on the website and publication relevant to this Map Contest for Community Safety.
5. In principle, the submitted maps will not be refunded, and the Institute of Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage shall keep them with responsibility.
6. We shall be responsible for the proper handling of personal information provided on the application form in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in the Act on the Protection of Personal Information, and personal information shall be used for the purpose of contacting relevant to this map contest only.

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