



IOM TAJIKISTAN

Photo competition announcement

Labour migration plays an important role in Tajikistan's economy, and has a strong impact on the livelihood of a large number of Tajik families and on the society at large. There are both positive and negative aspects of labour migration. Many labour migrants experience hardship on their journey to the destination country and while working abroad. On the other side they contribute to the economy in the destination country and remittances from labour migrants contribute considerably to the Tajik economy. With the purpose of picturing labour migration, the mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Tajikistan is organizing a photo competition.

The task of the competition is to depict any aspect of labour migration in or from Tajikistan, be it the life of the labour migrants themselves, their families, or anyone / anything else with a clear connection to the matter. The photos could be taken in any of the CIS countries (ie in Tajikistan, the migrants' country of origin, or in any destination for Tajik labour migrants within the CIS like in the Russian Federation).

Participation is free for everybody. And both amateurs and professional photographers (with any nationality) interested in photography and / or labour migration issues are encouraged to participate. Each participant can submit a maximum of eight photos to the competition. Both analogue and digital photos are welcome to be submitted. With the photos submitted, include a note telling where each photo was taken, when it was taken and what it depicts. The photos you submit should have been taken by yourself.

Digital images may be submitted on CD or by email. Images should be saved as JPG or TIF files. Since the photos will be enlarged to A3 size, they should be saved to a high resolution if sent by email. Please save the pictures with your name, i.e. Rostam Alishehr: photoalishehr1.jpg, photoalishehr2.jpg etc. Printed photos submitted with usual post should preferably be of A3 size. Photos of A4 size will, however, also be accepted. Do not forget to let us know your name and contact details (email and telephone) when you submit your photos for the competition. Submitted photos will not be returned to the photographers.

Postal entries (prints and CDs) should be addressed to # 17, M. Tursunzoda St, Apt 1 (main entrance from M. Kurbonov Street), Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 734025. By email: photo@irclm.tajnet.com. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact IOM: Tel/fax (+992 37) 227-02-06 / 227-02-07

IOM Tajikistan should have received all photos by 15 September 2007. A panel organized by IOM Tajikistan will go through submitted photos and appoint the winner. The selection panel and their close family members, as well as IOM employees, are not allowed to participate in the competition.

An exhibition will be organized by IOM Tajikistan in Dushanbe, as well as in Khujand, Kurgon-Teppa and Kulob, each lasting for one month. The exhibition will show a selection of the photos submitted for the competition. The winners of the competition will be announced for the public on the opening of the exhibition in Dushanbe. The winners will be contacted beforehand by IOM Tajikistan.

Prizes: The first prize is 650 Euro, the second 200 Euro and the third 100 Euro.

IOM claims the right to print and use the photos submitted for the purpose of the above-mentioned photo exhibition. Furthermore, IOM claims the limited right to use submitted photos in material and/or activities aimed at promotion of the photo exhibition. In case we use any photo for the aforementioned purposes, the photographer will be credited with name. IOM will, however, not use the photos for other purposes without getting the approval of the photographer. The photographers also keep the rights to use and sell the photos to other clients. IOM will not have any rights to sell photos submitted to any third party.

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. With 120 member states, a further 19 states holding observer status and offices in over 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants. IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.

This announcement can also be found on http://www.iom.tj/news/press_releases/photo_competition.pdf