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TTMS PHOTO COMPETITION

Introduction

This competition is hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service (TTMS) in the lead up to World Meteorological Day 2021 celebrations. The TTMS is seeking high-quality and artistic photographs, and especially those which illustrate the theme of World Meteorological Day 2021, “The Ocean, our climate and weather.”

The country’s beautiful diversity is reflected in the ocean and its effect on the weather and climate and our natural environment. The oceans have long been a source of inspiration and sustenance here in Trinidad and Tobago and are major drivers of the world’s weather and climate. There are endless opportunities for photographs which reflect the theme. We look forward to lots of images of the ocean, as well as, its effect on our climate and weather and the water cycle.

Winning entries will be featured in the TTMS 2021 online calendar. They will be published on TTMS social media platforms and showcased in our World Meteorological Day 2021 celebrations.

You can submit your photos to us for a chance to be featured in the TTMS 2021 online calendar and social media platforms.

We look forward to your participation!

Eligibility

- The competition is open to all photographers, amateur or professional, in Trinidad and Tobago.

Submission Guidelines

- Photos must be submitted in JPEG format.
- All photos must be in landscape (horizontal) format.
- Black and white photographs as well as coloured photographs will be accepted.
- Submissions must be digital photographs.
- Photos must be appropriately titled. A description of the photo, along with the location and date the photo was taken should be included.
- Photos must be no larger than 5MB.
- Photos must not contain any mark that identifies the photographer.
- Images and entry forms must be submitted via email to: metcommunications@gov.tt.

Review and Selection

Entries will be evaluated by a TTMS panel of experts in meteorology, as well as, experienced professional photographers.

Twenty (20) photographs will be shortlisted based on technical and artistic merit. Shortlisted photos will be published on Facebook and Instagram, allowing followers to vote for their favourites.

The final selections for the 12 photos will be based on a combination of the social media votes and technical excellence and artistic merit.

Judging Criteria:

All photos will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Adherence to theme
- Impact
- Creativity
- Composition
- Lighting

10 points each with a maximum of 50 possible points for each image

Competition Timeline

- Launch: October 12
- Submission Deadline: October 31
- Preliminary Judging/Shortlisting will take place on or before November 9
- Social Media Voting Period: 13-22 November
- Announcement of Winners: November 30

Terms and Conditions:

- Entrants are required to complete and submit the Entry Form provided by the TTMS, with all fields accurately completed in full.
- Entrants under the age of 18 are required to obtain written permission from parents or legal guardians.
- Submissions must be taken from Trinidad and Tobago within the last 2 years.
- Entrants must observe Covid-19 restrictions.
- Submission must only be the original work of the photographer.
- Entrants are only permitted to submit one (1) photo.
- There must be no persons featured in photos.
- Edited photos will not be accepted.
- Photos that have been awarded in any photo contest and photos that have already been used in print or online publications are not eligible.
- The Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service (TTMS) reserves the right to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media; photographers will however be given due credit.
- Employees of the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service, Ministry of Public Utilities and the Office of the Prime Minister Tobago Affairs - Central Administrative Services Tobago or their immediate family are not eligible to participate in this competition.
- The TTMS reserves the right to cancel, modify, suspend or delay the Competition in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
- The TTMS reserves the right to change, amend, delete or add to these Competition terms and conditions without prior notice at any time, and the entrants shall be bound to such changes.
- All decisions are final.

Winners

- Top twelve (12) entries will be featured in the TTMS 2021 online calendar.
- Entries will be showcased on TTMS social media platforms and feature prominently in the World Meteorological Day 2021 celebrations.
- Top three (3) winners will receive sublimation mugs with their images printed courtesy Very Exciting Things Ltd.
- There will be lots of recognition but no financial reward!

For further inquiries, please email: metcommunications@gov.tt.