

# RICOS

The 4th Writing Contest of SUN silk-Road Universities Network

# Purpose

To facilitate linguistic diversity along the Silk Roads.

# Theme

# Poem\_The Wisdom of the Silk Roads for the Survival of Civilizations

Description: Any poems dedicated to the restoration of the peaceful co-existence and co-prosperity of cultures along the Silk Roads be they ever so tiny.

# **Essay\_The Silk Roads Reconnected**

Theme: Considering the present disconnection within the Silk Roads due to political, cultural, religious and social unrest; what can be undertaken by governments to change the situation and what should be done by the youth to help the cause?

Essay should include: 1. Criticism of the outrageous situations of the Silk Roads.

- 2. Recommendations of measures by governments and international organisations
- 3. Actions by universities and students concerned about the Silk Roads.

# Submission Due: May 15, 2020.

Result announcement: June 15, 2020.

**Award Ceremony**: During the 5th International Association for Silk-Road Studies to be held at Canadian University of Dubai, UAE 2020

# **Eligibility**Students o

Students of the member universities of the Silk-Road Universities Network (SUN). Students of non-member universities are eligible for application, but no additional award other than certificates will be given.

# How to Apply

Fill out the application form downloadable from the website of SUN (www.sun-silkroadia.org) and email it along with your work to sunofficialwricos@gmail.com.

# **Basic Rules & Regulations**

Each participant is to submit one poem or one short essay only.

The writing must be original. Participants found guilty will be held liable for committing plagiarism.

Language: All works should be written in the writers' own native languages.

Length of writings: No more than 200 words for poems and 2000 words for essays

Writing Computer Software: Participants are expected to create their writings using computer with any convenient writing software. They must be easily converted into MS Word format.

# **Prize & Privilege**

# Grand Prize: 1 awardee for poems and 1 more for essays respectively.

Certificate and invitation to the 5th International Association for Silk-Road Studies and the award ceremony to be held at Dubai, UAE with full coverage of the cost for round-trip flights, accommodations (hotel and meals), and the official culture tour by the organizer.

# Award of Excellence: 2 awardees for poems and 2 more for essays.

The same as for Grand Prize mentioned above except that the recipients of this award are supposed to take care of the cost for flight by themselves.

# Award of Selection: 7 awardees for poems and 7 more for essays.

The same as for award of excellence mentioned above except that the organizer will provide only the official culture tour and meals for the recipients of this award.

\* All writings awarded will be translated into diverse foreign languages and published as a book. In addition, they will be displayed on our website as a digital exhibition for at least one year.

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