



OSHIMA MUSEUM
of PICTURE BOOKS
Invites Your Entry For

Oshima International

Handmade Picture Book Contest

2026



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1. Entry Period

22 April 2026 ~ 30 April 2026

The works must reach us no later than 30 April 2025

2. Eligibility for Entry

- a. Entrants must be **18 years old or over**.
- b. The works for unpublished are acceptable. AI use is prohibited.
- c. The theme of the work is free of choice.

3. Entry Sections

①Open ②Pop-up

4. Selection and Awards

- a. A jury meeting is scheduled to be held in **May 2026 and June 2026**.
The jury grants the following prizes and awards.

The Grand prix is one point.

3 runners-up prize (one for each entry section respectively),
and several prizes for encouragement and acceptance.

- b. The jury meeting consists of the following 4 members.

Nao Takabatake (Picture Book illustrator, Japan)

Takashi Yamamoto (Picture Book illustrator, Japan)

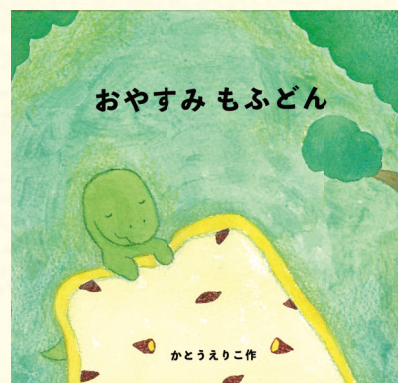
Ikuyo Hirose (Japanese-style painter, Japan)

Harumi Horichi (Picture Book Specialist, Japan)

- c. The Grand prix will not be given to those who were awarded prizes in previous contests.

5. Conditions of Entry

- a. The application is assumed to be the work of one person or one group for each section.
- b. The size is within 42.4×30.3cm.
- c. The text should be 10 pages or more.
- d. The entry should be bookbinding style.
- e. The materials and techniques of the works are without restriction.
- f. The works using digital technique are acceptable, although the digital data itself is not accepted.
- g. The works not written in English are required to have English translation the another form.
- h. The works not in compliance with the regulations will not be exhibited.



2025 Grand prix
『Oyasumi Mofudon』
Eriko Kato (Japan)



6. How to Apply

- Your entry form must be duly filled out, and be sent to OSHIMA MUSEUM of PICTURE BOOKS with works.
- The entry form is also available at the OSHIMA MUSEUM of PICTURE BOOKS website.
- A sheet including all necessary information specified on the entry form can be used as a substitute.
- In the case of group entries, please attach the list of the names of your group members.

7. Announcement of Results

The results of the selection will be announced to the winners and also on the OSHIMA MUSEUM of PICTURE BOOKS website on **19 June 2026**

8. Exhibition of Winning Works

- The winning works will be exhibited at OSHIMA MUSEUM of PICTURE BOOKS **20 June 2026 ~ 12 July 2026**.
- OSHIMA MUSEUM of PICTURE BOOKS will have the award ceremony on **11 July 2026**.

9. Resulting of Entries

As a rule, all works will be returned directly to individual applicants. But the works which win the Grand Prix and is not returned.

10. Others

- The sponsor assumes no responsibility for loss or damage of books.
- The entrants must pay all transit expense and other expenses needed for entry.
- The books which win the Grand Prix will be owned by OSHIMA MUSEUM of PICTURE BOOKS.
The rights of publication will belong to OSHIMA MUSEUM of PICTURE BOOKS. When the work that wins the Grand Prix is published, OSHIMA MUSEUM of PICTURE BOOKS dose not pay the copyright fee to the author. (If the Grand Prix is Pop-up works, the works wouldn't be published.)
- The registration for entry is free.

11. Sending Address

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Oshima International Handmade Picture Book Contest 2026 Entry Form

Contact details

Title of the story			
Name (First/Middle/Last)		Sex (Check the box)	☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of birth (Month/Day/Year)		Nationality	
Contact address		Phone	
		E-mail	
Entry section (Check the box)	☐ ①Open ☐ ②Pop-up	Date of completion (Month/Day/Year)	

※Entry number

※Entry number of section