



MAYORS FOR PEACE

INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION IN THAILAND 2026

Open Call Guidelines

Mayors for Peace Exhibition in New York, Jan/Feb 2026

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Thailand, in collaboration with Mayors for Peace, Ministry of Interior and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, is calling for submissions of artwork for an upcoming exhibition that brings together children from diverse backgrounds across Thailand.

BACKGROUND

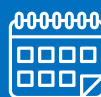
Mayors for Peace (MfP) is a global network of cities dedicated to promoting peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons, led by the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The network comprises more than 8,500 member cities across 166 countries. In Thailand, 17 municipalities are members of MfP. The former Foreign Minister of Thailand, Mr. Kasit Piromya, currently serves as Special Advisor to MfP.

MfP organizes an annual international art exhibition themed “Peaceful Towns” at the United Nations Headquarters in New York (January–February). Traditionally, the exhibition features artwork submitted by children from MfP member cities.

For the upcoming cycle, and for the first time, refugee children are invited to participate. Thailand has been selected as one of the countries to submit refugee children's artwork, and UNHCR is facilitating the process through Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA).

EXHIBITION IN THAILAND:

Building on this unique opportunity, UNHCR will organize a pre-exhibition in Thailand, to be held prior to the New York event, coinciding with World Refugee Day in June 2026. The Thailand exhibition will feature artwork created by Thai children, Refugee children, and Expat children in Thailand. The exhibition aims to celebrate diversity, creativity, and the shared vision of peace among children of different backgrounds. In addition, UNHCR is planning a Joint Art Creation Event on the weekend before the exhibition, inviting selected children from diverse communities in Bangkok. The artwork produced during this session will be formally unveiled at the exhibition's opening ceremony on 15 June.



Tentative Exhibition Date:
15–20 June 2026



Venue:
BANGKOK CITY CENTRE
Exact location to be confirmed.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

Each school may submit up to 10 pieces of artwork in total, across both age categories. We hope to display all submissions, but depending on the space available, there is a chance not every piece can be exhibited.

- **Theme:** What Peace Means to Me
- **Format:** Flat, 2-dimensional and scannable such as a painting or drawing
- **Sizes:** B4 (257 mm x 364 mm) or A3 (297 mm x 420 mm)
- **Material:** Entrants can use any materials (e.g. paint, pencil, marker, crayon, ink, pastels etc) if the artwork can be scanned.

Digitally created work is accepted if it is printable, but AI-generated artwork is not accepted.

Collaborative artwork created work may be accepted upon consultation.

The submitted work must not violate any copyrights (e.g., anime characters), trademarks, or portrait/publicity rights.

The artwork must not include the Red Cross emblem or any symbols that resemble it.

MfP encourages artwork created specifically for this exhibition. Previously made but unpublished artwork may be accepted (consultation required).

Please include:

- Child's name and age
- A brief explanation of the artwork

This information should be written on the back or submitted separately (not on the front). Info will be displayed alongside the artwork.

Eligibility for Artwork Submission

Children aged 6-16 years may participate (Age categories: 6-10 & 11-16)

- Refugee children
- Thai school children
- Children of international schools in Thailand (including Japanese schools)



2023
11 – 15 Age Category

First Prize

Mizuho Yoshida (15 years old)
Hiroshima / Japan

Message

On the earth, there are peaceful worlds where people can live happily and safely and dark worlds where people live in fear every day. The dove living in a dark world always looks at a peaceful world and hopes that their world will become peaceful someday.

Sample (more samples [here](#))

SUBMISSION DETAILS

- **Deadline:** 31 May 2026
- **Please submit physical artwork to the following Address:**

UNHCR Thailand (for Mayors for Peace)
3rd Floor, United Nations Building
Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200

For inquiries, please contact UNHCR at:

Email: support.th@unhcr.org

Please keep a scanned copy of all submitted artwork as backup.