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Student from India Wins Grand Prize in Lions International Peace Poster Contest



OAK BROOK, IL, USA, February 18, 2014 – Tongbram Mahesh Singh, a 12-year-old boy from Manipur, India, has been named the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Lions Clubs International is celebrating the 26th anniversary of the Peace Poster contest, which was created to showcase the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. More than 400,000 students worldwide, ages 11-13, submitted posters to be considered for the grand prize or one of the contest's 23 merit awards. Entries were judged for originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's contest theme, "Our World, Our Future."

Singh represented his image of peace through children of different countries coming together to paint the world in peace. "Like me, other children also want to play with their friends. We can play when we are free from violence and war," said Singh.

"Peace is [the] most loving word to me," said Singh. "Where there is peace, there is harmony. Where there is harmony, people will be happy."

As the grand prize winner, Singh will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony at the 97th Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada. He will be accompanied by two family members and the president of the Moirang Lions Club in Manipur, India, which sponsored his local contest.

"The Peace Poster Contest is a great opportunity for our young people to share their vision of the world in a creative, positive way," said Lions Clubs International President Barry Palmer. "The artwork these young people create is inspiring."



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In addition to the grand prize winning poster, there are 23 merit award winners who receive a certificate of merit and US\$500. This year's merit award winners live in Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Multiple District 300 Taiwan and the United States (Hawaii, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey and New York).

The grand prize Peace Poster and the 23 merit award winners' Peace Posters will be featured prominently at the 97th annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto. Visit the Lions Clubs International website, lionsclubs.org, to view winning Peace Posters, learn more about the contest and send Peace Poster e-cards.

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