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FAI Young Artists Contest Winners 2022: 'Design your perfect aircraft'

Lausanne, Switzerland, 4 July 2022 – The winning artworks entered into the 2022 FAI Young Artists Contest have been announced. This year's young artists were inspired by the theme, 'Design your perfect aircraft'.

The imaginations of this year's contestants were inspired by the wonders of nature and human innovation to create a vision of something they would like to see in the sky. Entrants were asked to think about what would power their aircraft, would it be big or small, and what special features would make pilots and passengers excited to be in the air.

A total of nine countries – China, India, Latvia, USA, Japan, Finland, Lithuania, Poland and Switzerland – put forward works from their respective national competitions.

Winners this year include another outstanding entry from Japan's Haruto Hirayama, who won a gold medal in the Junior category, after also winning a gold in 2021. Regular participant Milena Bak from Poland was awarded a bronze medal this year, following her bronze and silver medals in previous competitions. Michelle Lee from the USA took gold in the intermediate category whilst another entrant from Japan – Ruka Oji – was awarded gold amongst the senior artists.

2022 FAI Young Artists Contest Winners

Group I - Junior Category

1. Haruto HIRAYAMA - JPN
2. Yichen LIU - CHN
3. Yitong HOU - CHN

Group II - Intermediate Category

1. Michelle LEE - USA
2. Ami CHIBA - JPN
3. Milena BAK - POL

Group III - Senior Category

1. Ruka OJI - JPN
2. Beatrice MACENAITE - LIT
3. Bartosz BAK - POL

The three age categories for the competition are:

Group I - Junior Category (Date of birth between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2015).
Group II - Intermediate Category (Date of birth between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2011).
Group III - Senior Category (Date of birth between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2007)

Notes for editors

The FAI Young Artists Contest has been organised every year since 1986.

- Website: www.fai.org/fai-young-artists-contest
- Paintings in high resolution: bit.ly/YAC22winners
- Rules: www.fai.org/yac-contest-rules
- FAI logo: bit.ly/FAI_logo
- FAI media corner: www.fai.org/media

About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic activities and Space records.

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