

# Creative Karuta Award 2019

## Entry Guidelines

### What is Creative Karuta Award ?

- This is an international contest to call for pictures & writing for creating a new set of a traditional Japanese card game called 'Karuta'.
- The prize winners will receive karuta cards with the winning works printed on each card.
- It aims to promote karuta globally through the contest.

### Theme

- Creative Karuta Award was started to create karuta cards themed around Tokyo Olympic countries (which number is 206) and to hold an international Karuta game Championship in 2020.
- This is the final contest to complete '206 countries karuta' set so we will select and award 206 works representing 206 countries/regions.

### Who can take part?

- Open to everybody worldwide from children to adults. Entries from individuals or schools will be accepted.

### Age Category

- The total 20 works, at least 2 works from the following each age group, will be selected for the award.
- 7 years old or younger
- 8-11 years old
- 12-15 years old
- 16-19 years old
- 20 years old or older

### Country Category

- All entry works will be also judged by the subject's country. One work per one country, 206 works in total will be selected for this category award.
- Please note that all entries to the Awards in last few years will be included for this category's selection
- This selection is made separately from the one for the age category but some works may be selected for the both category.

### Deadline

- Must arrive by **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.**

### Entry Work

- Submit a pair of picture and writing (called 'Work') representing the subject freely chosen by the applicant.
- Multiple entries by the same applicant will be accepted.

### Subject to draw and write

- Wonderful nature, rich culture in your chosen country. For example buildings, places, foods, festivals, sports and natural scenes.
- **It must be something which is well-known, represents the chosen country.**

### Picture

- Use white paper less than or equal to A4 in size.
- Any art media, materials and method can be used.
- The picture must be the unreleased, original work created by the applicant himself/herself.
- No computer generated images will be accepted.
- No picture showing copyrighted images such as characters from books, movies will be accepted.

### Writing/Sentence

- Choose a language, English or Japanese.
- Write with 3 to 12 words if you choose English.
- Write in Japanese with 5 to 20 syllables.
- Your writing should include words which serves as a clue to find the matching picture.
- Writing can be assisted by another person such as your family or teacher.

### Judging for Age Category

- The entry work will be judged by creative karuta experts including Ms. Mikiko Haraguchi (Vice chairman, Japan Kyodo Karuta Association).
- The judges would like to see Works with a charm that makes them feel like seeing the real ones.

### Judging for Country Category

- All entry work will be also judged by experts in 206 countries/regions. The judges expect to see the works really representing the chosen country.

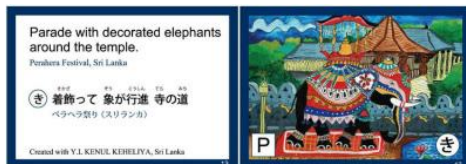
## Prizes for Age Category

- A pack of Karuta cards with all winning works printed on each card.



## Prizes for Country Category

- A pair of sentence and picture card with the winner's work printed on each card. (no karuta pack)



## Results Announcement

- By 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 the only winners will be notified of the results by email. The results will be also announced on Karuta 2020 website.
- All winning entries will be displayed at the Award Ceremony held in Tokyo, April 2020.
- All prize winners will be invited to attend the Award Ceremony and to be presented with their prizes. The winners who can't attend the ceremony will receive the prizes by post after the ceremony.

## Organizer

- Karuta 2020 Project Team  
(FROM JAPAN Institute, Japan Kyodo Karuta Association and Sugunami Karuta Project)

## Entry Conditions

- Regardless whether winning or not all rights in the entry works belong to FROM JAPAN Institute.
- All entry works won't be returned.
- The entry works may be used partially or modified when we print Karuta cards. For example we may use only the picture or edit writing works.
- Regardless whether winning or not your entry work may be published on our websites, SSN and printed materials.

## Private information

- Any private information which we collect for the Creative Karuta Award 2019 will be only used for this contest.
- Usage purposes: confirming the entry information, notifying the contest results, sending the prizes and conducting the contest smoothly.
- Disclosure of personal information to the third parties: With the only winner's consent of printing their name on karuta card, their name will be provided with the printing contractor. Except for this case any personal information won't be disclosed to third parties without permission of the applicant.

## How to enter

### Entry by individuals

1. Fill in the 'Individual Entry Form'.
2. Draw/paint a picture.
3. Fill in 'Individual Writing Sheet'
4. Submit (1) Individual Entry Form, (2) picture(s) and (3) Writing Sheet(s) pasted on the picture(s) backside.

### Entry by schools

1. Fill in 'School Entry Form'.
2. Draw/paint a picture.
3. Fill in 'School Writing Sheet'
4. Submit (1) School Entry Form, (2) all pictures and (3) School Writing Sheets pasted on each picture backside.

## Where to submit

'Creative Karuta Award 2019' office  
c/o FROM JAPAN Institute,  
3-4-45 Shibakubo-cho, Nishitokyo Tokyo 188-0014, JAPAN

## Contact

'Creative Karuta Award 2019' office  
Email: info@karuta2020.tokyo  
Phone: +intl-81-(0)42-439-5445  
URL <http://karuta2020.tokyo>

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# 'Individual' Entry Form: Creative Karuta Award 2019

This form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian if the applicant is 15 years old or younger.

1. Category:  7 years old or younger  8-11 years old  12-15 years old  16-19 years old  20 years old or older
2. Entry number of Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Work(s) (1 Work is a pair of picture and writing. Multiple entries are accepted.)
3. Name of applicant :(Print in English alphabet)

First Name																			
Middle Name																			
Family Name																			

4. Gender:  Male  Female

5. Date of birth: (Year) \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Write in western calendar year) Age: \_\_\_\_\_ years old

6. Postal address: (for prizes if selected)

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(Postal Code) \_\_\_\_\_ (Country) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Email address: (The winners will be notified of the results by email.)


8. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

9. School Name (if you are student): \_\_\_\_\_

10. How did you know about the Award?: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Consent (Complete if the applicant is 15 years old and younger)

I, the parent or legal guardian of the above mentioned applicant, have read and understood Terms and Conditions of Creative Karuta Award 2019. By signing below I authorize the applicant to enter the Creative Karuta Award 2019. I also understand the Award office may contact me to operate the contest properly.

Parent(s)/guardian's name in print: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal information on this form will be used only for Creative Karuta Award 2019, for example, notify the winners of the results, sending the prizes by mail.

**How to enter : (Deadline: Must arrive by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019)**

- Send (1) Entry Form, (2) picture(s) and (3) Clue Writing Sheet pasted on each picture backside
- (Address) 'Creative Karuta Award 2019' office,  
c/o FROM JAPAN Institute, 3-4-45 Shibakubocho, Nishitokyo Tokyo 188-0014, Japan

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# Individual Writing Sheet

**How to write** : Write in English or Japanese. In English use 3 to 12 words. In Japanese write with 5 - 20 syllables.

Write words which serve as a clue to find the matching your picture. **You can ask your family and teacher to help you write.**

1. Writing/Sentence	..... ..... .....
2. Name of subject	..... .....
Subject' place, country	.....
3. Explain (1) your subject and (2) the reason why you chose this subject.	..... .....
4. Name	5. Age <input type="checkbox"/> -7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12-15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16-19 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 +
6. Did someone help your writing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   If yes, who? <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Others

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# Individual Writing Sheet Sample

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1. Writing/Sentence	(e.g.1) <b>Many fish! Yellow, pink and grey.</b> (6 words) (e.g.2) <b>Swimming together, colourful sea animals around the world.</b> (8 words)		
2. Name of subject	<b>South East Asia Aquarium</b>		
Subject' place, country	<b>Sentosa Island, Singapore</b>		
3. Explain (1) your subject and (2) the reason why you chose this subject.	(1) <b>This is the largest aquarium in Singapore.</b> (2) <b>I have visited there several times with my family. I really enjoyed it.</b>		
4. Name	<b>Taro Suzuki</b>	5. Age	<input type="checkbox"/> -7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12-15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16-19 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 +
6. Did someone help your writing?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   If yes, who? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Others		

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## How to create your writing

- Karuta is a matching card game. A card reader reads aloud words on sentence cards. Players listen to them and compete to touch the matching picture card faster than other players.
- So it is important your writing includes words which serves a clue to find your picture/subject.
- Here we would like to explain sample steps to create your writing which matches to the following aquarium picture, which is a winning work of Creative Karuta Award 2017.



### Step 1: Use words you find in your picture

- Look at the picture. There are 'fish' in the large water tank. The number is 14, 'many' and the colours are 'yellow', 'pink' and 'grey'.
- Just write down those words and this is your phrase using 6 words.  
**"Many fish! Yellow, pink and grey."**
- This will be enough for English beginners.

### Step 2: Use better words and add words

- If you know more words you may change words and add words.
- Yellow, pink and grey means 'colourful'. And exactly speaking some are not fish so you can use 'sea animals' instead of 'fish'. Also you may add an action word such as 'swim'.
- Your writing can be:  
**"Many colourful sea animals are swimming".**

### Step 3: Add your knowledge

- If you know something about your subject, add such knowledge to your writing.
- For example this aquarium has over 1,000 pieces from 50 different oceans. This means they are 'from around the world'
- So your writing can be:  
**"Many colourful sea animals are swimming. They are from around the world."**

### Step 4: Use your imagination

- Finally complete your writing in your own way.
- If you think the sea animals are good friends,  
**"Swimming together, colourful sea animals around the world."**
- If you want to express the feeling of the family in the centre of aquarium picture.  
**"Look! So colourful fish around the world"**

There is no definite style of writing. So you can create writing like a poem. Do your best to create your own writing.