

# The 24<sup>th</sup> Izu Literature Award

Izu peninsula, situated in eastern Shizuoka prefecture, has always held a special place in Japanese literature. We hope to continue to share its unique charm nationwide through the magic of the written word. We are accepting new works of literature that share perspectives on the nature, locations, events, people, and history of Izu and the surrounding Shizuoka region.

A “palm novel” is a short story that fits in the palm of your hand.

Novel • Essay • Travel Literature		Palm novel
A novel, essay or travel literature with a <b>theme</b> based on nature, locations, events, people or history tied to Izu or any area within Shizuoka prefecture.	Entry Content	Short story of any genre incorporating <b>elements</b> of nature, locations, events, people or history tied to Izu or Shizuoka prefecture. E.g.: Anything from recalling a family vacation, to detailing an inspiring person, experience, scenic view or historic event
(1) Novel 30~80 pages (2) Essay • T r a v e l 20~40 pages	Requirements (Page count based on 400-character manuscript sheets)	3 ~ 5 pages ※E-mail submission allowed for palm novels only. For e-mail submissions, attach cover page and main work as a Microsoft Word document or as Plain Text.
Must be postmarked by Thursday, October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Submission Deadline	Must be postmarked by Thursday, September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 (E-mail submissions must be received by the above date)
Grand Prize (1) certificate & 1,000,000 JPY First Prize (1) certificate & 200,000 JPY Honorable Mention (2) certificate & 50,000 JPY	Awards	Grand Prize (1) certificate & 50,000 JPY Outstanding Achievement (5) certificate & 10,000 JPY
Miki Taku (author, recipient of 69 <sup>th</sup> Akutagawa Prize, Japan Art Academy member) Muramatsu Tomomi (author, recipient of 87 <sup>th</sup> Naoki Prize) Arashiyama Kōsaburō (author, recipient of 58 <sup>th</sup> Yomiuri Literature Prize) Ōta Haruko (author, recipient of 1 <sup>st</sup> Jōji Tsubota Award)	Judges	Muramatsu Tomomi (author, recipient of 87 <sup>th</sup> Naoki Prize) Morota Reiko (author, recipient of 26 <sup>th</sup> Jirō Nitta Literature Prize) Nakamura Naomi (Head of 2 <sup>nd</sup> publishing division at Transportation News Co, Ltd.)

## Terms & Conditions

### 1 Eligibility

No restrictions. Anyone may apply.

### 2 Submission Terms

- (1) Handwritten or typed on A4 paper.  
 ※ Must be an original, unpublished work.  
 ※ For typed works:  
A4 paper typed vertically along width. 40 columns of 30 characters each, 12-point font. (See homepage for sample.)  
 (2) Include a cover sheet with the following:  
 ① **Category • Type** (novel, essay, travel literature, palm novel) ② **Title** ③ **Address** ④ **Name** (if using penname, also include real name) ⑤ **Date of Birth** ⑥ **Phone#** ⑦ **Occupation** (if student, include school) ⑧ **E-mail** (if applicable) ⑨ **Manuscript page count\*** ⑩ **How you learned of the contest** (newspaper/magazine, homepage, etc.) ⑪ **Reason for submission**

\* 1 page = 400 characters, including spaces. Either count handwritten pages or for typed works, 1 page (30x40 characters) equals 3 manuscript pages.

\* See homepage for a sample cover sheet

(3) Write the category and title at the top of your manuscript. (Do not include your name.)

(4) Write the serial number on the manuscript and fasten the upper-right corner with a paper clip. (Do NOT use a stapler or hole punch.)

### 3 Announcement

Late January, 2021 (tentative)

Entrants will be notified directly and results posted at:  
(<http://www.izufes.net/IzuFes/>)

※Results may be delayed to due unforeseen circumstances

### 4 Additional Notes

- (1) Submitted works will not be returned. Excluding confirmation of receipt no inquires will be answered after submission.  
 (2) All rights pertaining to a winning work are retained by the contest organizer.  
 (3) Winning submissions will be included in a compilation.  
 (4) Any personal information collected will be used exclusively for announcement of winners and contacting applicants.

### 5 Submissions • Contact

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