

PAGCOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2023 MECHANICS



CONTEST THEME

The theme of PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023 is "*Sa'n Tayo Next?*"

"Sa'n Tayo Next?" is the common question that travelers would ask one other after having an amazing experience in a place they just visited. The excitement of travel inspires them to begin planning for the next trip.

Through this contest, PAGCOR hopes to provide travelers with new choices to visit and likewise pay homage to the talent of Filipino lensmen while inspiring more local and foreign tourists to explore some of the not so famous destinations in the Philippines.

Participants must submit photos and images taken anywhere in the Philippines from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. The photos should depict unadulterated, yet beautiful places in the Philippines with tourism potential. The featured sites may be among the underrated or underdeveloped favorite tourist spots around the country or have the potential to be such.

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify an entry which, in its sole discretion, does not adhere to the competition theme.

CONTEST DURATION

PAGCOR will accept entries to the PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023 from February 15 to July 31, 2023 only.

WHO MAY JOIN

- Participants must be at least 18 years old by February 15, 2023.
- The contest is open to all Filipino nationals only.
- Professional and amateur photographers are eligible to submit entries.
- PAGCOR employees including their relatives up to the second degree of affinity and consanguinity are disqualified from joining the competition.

CATEGORIES

The competition has two categories:

- 1) **CONVENTIONAL.** This category covers photos taken using all types of traditional or conventional cameras like Single Lens Reflex (SLR) or Digital SLR, compact cameras and the like.
- 2) **MOBILE.** This category covers photos taken using applications in all types of mobile devices like smartphones, tablets, drone-mounted cameras and action cameras.

REGIONAL SCREENING

- 1) The PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023 will have four regional screenings, namely:

Regions
Luzon
Visayas
Mindanao
Metro Manila

- 2) Five finalists from each region will qualify for the grand finals in each category for a total of 40 entries.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

- 1) Each participant is allowed to submit a **MAXIMUM OF TWO ENTRIES ONLY.** That means that a participant may submit two entries under one category or he/she may submit one entry for each category.
- 2) Entries to be submitted for both the Conventional and Mobile Photography categories must be in full color. Photos in Black and White or Sepia are not acceptable.
- 3) Contest participants must register online at the official PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023 subsite (<https://www.pagcor.ph/photocon2023>) and completely fill out the PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023 online registration/entry form. PAGCOR WILL ONLY ACCEPT ENTRIES SUBMITTED ONLINE THROUGH THE PAGCOR WEBSITE. THOSE THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH OTHER MEANS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.

- 4) PAGCOR's online registration automatically limits the submission of entries per participant to TWO. Therefore, participants must make sure that they will only submit their FINAL PHOTO ENTRY/ENTRIES when registering and submitting their photo/s online. MOREOVER, A PARTICIPANT IS NOT ALLOWED TO USE MULTIPLE E-MAIL ADDRESSES IN SENDING THEIR ENTRIES. A PARTICIPANT WHO SUBMITS HIS/HER ENTRIES USING MULTIPLE OR DIFFERENT E-MAIL ADDRESSES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.
- 5) The entry to be submitted should be an image/photo with a corresponding "photo title" and "photo caption". The caption must indicate the exact place where the image was taken, and must have an accurate description of what the photo is about.
- 6) Deadline for the online submission of entries is on July 31, 2023 at 10:00 p.m. The submission portal will automatically close and reject any entries that will be attempted to be sent after the set deadline.
- 7) Sorting of the regional entries shall be strictly residency-based. This means that when sending entries, the contest participants must correctly send their photos under the regional group where they are residing (For example, residents of Metro Manila should send their entries under the Metro Manila group, those living in the Visayas must only send their entries under Visayas, and those coming from Mindanao must submit their entries under the Mindanao group) even if their entries feature places in other parts of the country.

Proof of residency is necessary. Participants will be required to upload in the PAGCOR website a scanned copy of their proof of residency in JPEG format when they register online for the photo contest. The proof of residency must indicate the contestant's name and address. These include valid government-issued IDs with photo and address.

PAGCOR's screening committee will automatically remove and disqualify photos/entries that are sent to the wrong regional group.

- 8) Since the competition limits the age of participants to at least 18 years old, proof of age such as a PSA authenticated birth certificate will be required by PAGCOR if and when the participant qualifies for the grand finals of the PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023. The birth certificate will be required from grand finalists whose birth dates are not reflected in the valid government-issued ID submitted.
- 9) The contest participant is responsible for securing – prior to submission of the entry - a formal consent from concerned parties if the image contains any material or element that is not the participant's property, or if any person appears in the photo (i.e. subject of the photo). For minors that are photographed in the submitted entry, the contest participant must obtain a written consent from the minor's parent/legal guardian.

PAGCOR should not in any way be held responsible for the contest participant's inability to secure the necessary permission or consent for their submitted entries.

PHOTO / IMAGE REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Photographs should be in digital format/file. PAGCOR will not accept print or film submissions for the initial screening of the entries. Only photos/images submitted via the PAGCOR website will be accepted.
- 2) Photographs to be submitted should have no watermark. There should be no identifying mark on the images to eliminate any bias during the screening and judging of the submitted photos.
- 3) **For initial screening under the conventional category, submit entries with the image size of at least 25 inches (5,000 pixels) on the longer side, at least 72 ppi in resolution, in JPG format. The IMAGE SHOULD BE IN LANDSCAPE (HORIZONTAL) FORMAT.** Once an entry on the conventional category is selected as one of the grand finalists, the photographer is required to submit the **file of his/her entry that must contain the following specifications: image size must be at least 55 inches (11,000 pixels) on the longer side (image should be in landscape), at least 72 ppi in resolution, in JPG (.JPG) format** within 48 hours after the end of the regional screening or upon official advice on qualification for finals.
- 4) **For initial screening under the Mobile Category, the image should be shot using the best settings of the mobile device. The IMAGE SHOULD BE IN LANDSCAPE (HORIZONTAL) FORMAT.** Once an entry on the mobile category is selected as one of the grand finalists, the photographer is required to submit the **file of his/her entry with the best resolution setting of his/her mobile device** within 48 hours after the end of the regional screening or upon official advice on qualification for finals.
- 5) The details on where the grand finalists will email their entry (with the required resolution) will be disclosed through a confirmatory message that will be sent to the registered email address of the participant.
- 6) **FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED RESOLUTION FILE OF THE IMAGE WITHIN THE ALLOTTED PERIOD WILL MEAN HIS/HER DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE GRAND FINALS.**
- 7) Photographs to be submitted to the PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023 competition should have been taken anytime from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. Location must be within the Philippines only.

- 8) The following photographs or images are disqualified:
- Photographs that have been previously submitted or have won in any local or international photography contest.
 - Photographs that violate a person's rights including, but not limited to copyright and privacy.
 - Photographs that contain obscene, sexually explicit, offensive or any other objectionable or inappropriate content.
 - Photographs bearing images of public officials or have messages that are political in nature.
 - For entries submitted under the Conventional category, PAGCOR will disqualify photos that are digitally enhanced or altered for creative purposes. Altered images refer to photographs manipulated and applied with special effects (colorizing, toning, collage, photo composites, stitched panoramas, high dynamic range or HDR images, etc.). Only minor adjustments in the color, sharpness, contrast or removal of minor specs are allowed.

For entries submitted under the Mobile category, PAGCOR prohibits the alteration of images using a phone, tablet, desktop or laptop. **PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any photograph or image at any time for any cause.**

- The submitted image is a single work of original material created and taken solely by the participant for the PAGCOR photography contest;
- The photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

SCREENING OF ENTRIES/PHOTOGRAPHS

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

The entries in both the Conventional and Mobile categories shall be judged based on the following criteria:

- Adherence to theme/Content
- Composition
- Creativity and Originality
- Image Quality
- Emotional Impact

The decision of the judges in the regional screenings and grand finals are final and not subject to appeal.

REGIONAL SCREENING

- 1) For regional screenings, PAGCOR will invite an esteemed panel of judges to be composed of renowned professional photographers, visual artists, and PAGCOR officials. Venue of the regional screening will be announced at a later date.
- 2) For each regional screening, the panel of judges shall select the top five (5) entries for the Conventional Category and top five (5) entries for the Mobile Category that will eventually move on to the grand finals of the PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023.
- 3) Hereunder is the breakdown of the number of top qualifiers per region:

For Conventional Category

Region	Number of Finalists
Luzon	Five (5)
Visayas	Five (5)
Mindanao	Five (5)
Metro Manila	Five (5)
TOTAL	20 Finalists

For Mobile Category

Region	Number of Finalists
Luzon	Five (5)
Visayas	Five (5)
Mindanao	Five (5)
Metro Manila	Five (5)
TOTAL	20 Finalists

- 4) All the finalists under the Conventional and Mobile categories will be formally notified by PAGCOR via phone call and e-mail.

FINAL JUDGING


- 1) For the final judging, PAGCOR will invite another esteemed panel of judges to be composed of renowned professional photographers, visual artists, and PAGCOR officials. Exact day in August 2023 and the venue will be announced at a later date. A formal announcement of winners will be done thereafter mainly through the official PAGCOR website and social media accounts.
- 2) PAGCOR will handle and shoulder the printing and framing of the photo entries of the finalists.
- 3) During the final judging, the panel of judges will select the following number of grand winners:

Categories	Number of Grand Winners
Conventional	Twelve (12)
Mobile	Twelve (12)

- 4) The criteria to be used by the jury in selecting the grand winners for the Conventional and Mobile categories are as follows:
 - Adherence to theme/Content
 - Composition
 - Creativity and Originality
 - Image Quality
 - Emotional Impact

SPECIAL PRIZE:

“Most Liked Photo”

- Photos will be selected from the roster of the finalists for each category. These will be posted on the PAGCOR Facebook page (<https://web.facebook.com/pagcor.ph>) for voting.
- There will be one winner for the Conventional category and one winner for Mobile category.
- Selection of winners shall be done via online voting through the PAGCOR Facebook page (<https://web.facebook.com/pagcor.ph>). The availability of these photos on the PAGCOR Facebook page will be announced at a later date.
- To vote for the most liked photo, follow the PAGCOR Facebook page first (<https://web.facebook.com/pagcor.ph>), then click the Like  button only of the photo that you like the most. All other emoticon reactions shall not be counted.
- The photos of the finalists on each category that will be posted the PAGCOR Facebook page who will get the greatest number of likes will win the “Most Like Photo” category.

- The two winners of this special prize will each receive P10,000 plus certificate of recognition.

PRIZES AT STAKE

Following are the prizes at stake for each category:

CATEGORY	PRIZES FOR GRAND WINNERS	TOTAL CASH PRIZES
Conventional	P 80,000 each plus plaque	P 80,000 x 12 = P 960,000
Mobile	P 35,000 each plus plaque	P 35,000 x 12 = P 420,000
CATEGORY	CONSOLATION PRIZES FOR NON-WINNING FINALISTS	TOTAL CASH PRIZES
Conventional	P25,000 each plus certificate of merit	P 25,000 x 8 = P 200,000
Mobile	P 10,000 each plus certificate of merit	P 10,000 x 8 = P 80,000
CATEGORY	PRIZES FOR MOST LIKED PHOTO	TOTAL CASH PRIZES
Most Liked Photo	P 10,000 for each category plus certificate of merit	P 10,000 x 2 = P 20,000
TOTAL CASH PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY		P 1,680,000*

* Net of taxes. Taxes on prizes will be subsidized by the PAGCOR.

OTHER CONTEST PROVISIONS/CONDITIONS

- PAGCOR shall have the exclusive use of the photo entries of the 24 Grand Winners (12 from Conventional and 12 from Mobile categories) in perpetuity for the agency's various collaterals and communication materials including but not limited to the PAGCOR 2024 calendar. This means that the owner of the winning entry in the grand finals cannot resell or make use of his/her photo for other purposes except for his/her official portfolio.
- The photos of the 16 consolation prizes (8 from Conventional and 8 from Mobile) shall be exclusively used by PAGCOR from August 2023 up to December 31, 2025.
- The PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023 participant will need to sign a written instrument with the provision on the assignment / transfer of the creator's economic rights and the waiver of his moral rights in favor of PAGCOR should his/her entry be among the 24 grand winners or the 16 consolation prizes.

- For the Special Prize category, where the winning photo will be determined by the one who gets the highest number of likes in each category in Facebook, PAGCOR is solely running the Photography Contest and that the social media platform (Facebook) used is in no way responsible for or affiliated with it.
- PAGCOR shall have the sole right to use, produce or reproduce, make imitative works of the winning photos and those of the other grand finalists during the period indicated above for its various communication materials. PAGCOR can also make use of the said photos for whatever purpose it may deem fit without further compensation to the artist, his/her heirs and assignees.
- PAGCOR assumes no responsibility for any transmission error or delay in the e-mail submission of the entries. The agency can neither be held liable for any theft, deletion and/or alteration that might be made on the entries/entry forms that will be submitted online.
- By submitting their entries to the PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023, all contest participants agree to release, discharge, and hold PAGCOR and its employees, officers, directors, and representatives harmless from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in this contest.
- PAGCOR has the right to verify the validity and originality of any submitted photo entry and/or details about the contest participant (including the participant's identity and address). PAGCOR also reserves the right to disqualify any contest participant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with the contest's Official Rules or who tampers with the entry process.
- By joining this competition, the contest participants agree that their personal data may be used by PAGCOR for purposes of announcing to the general public updates on the outcome of the regional screening and grand finals, as well as for other PR and communication materials of the corporation. The contest participants also agree that PAGCOR may opt to upload in its official website a gallery of photos that will be submitted for this contest.

For more information about the PAGCOR Photography Contest 2023, please call the Corporate Communications Department at Tel. Nos. +632 8526-0337 local 7169 / 7170 or visit our website at (<https://www.pagcor.ph/photocon2023>). You may also follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pagcor.ph>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/pagcorph>), Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/pagcor_ph) and YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/pagcorph1>).