

The 9th Photo Contest of SUN Silk-Road Universities Network

PHOCOS

2025-2026

Grand Prize Winning Photo of PHOCOS 2023–2024,
taken in Iran, by Mehdi Dadkhah, Mohajer Technical
and Vocational University, Iran

Theme of the Contest

TASTE OF THE SILK ROADS

Food, Table, and Culture
Shared along the Silk Roads

Submission due

August 31, 2026

Result Announcement

September 21, 2026

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SCHEDULE OF CONTEST

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ELIGIBILITY

Students of member universities of the Silk-Road Universities Network (SUN)

** Students of non-member universities are eligible for application, but no additional award other than certificate will be given.*

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the application form available on the website of SUN (www.sun-silkroadia.org).

PRIZE & PRIVILEGE

Grand Prize (1 Awardee)

Certificate and invitation to the 11th General Assembly of SUN and the award ceremony to be held at Abderrahmane Mira University of Béjaïa, Ferhat Abbas University of Sétif 1, University of Aboubekr Belkaid Tlemcen, and University of Sciences and Technology Houari Boumediene, Algeria with full coverage of the cost for round-trip flights, accommodations (hotel and meals), and the official culture tour by the organizer.

Excellence Award (2 Awardees)

The same as for the Grand Prize mentioned above except that the recipients of this award are supposed to take care of the cost for flight by themselves.

Special Selection (5 Awardees)

The same as for the Excellence Award mentioned above except that the organizer will provide only the official culture tour and meals for the recipients of this award.

Citation (10 Awardees)

Certificate of merit only.

* All of the award-winning photos will be published in a booklet or e-book and displayed in the exhibition during the General Assembly as well as at the digital exhibition gallery in the website of SUN for a year.

* Privileges for the awardees and the schedules may change depending on the circumstances.

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