



香港聯合攝影家協會
United Photographers Hong Kong
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UPHK Distinctions Assessment Rules

Section 1 General Rules

Rule 1:

In order to facilitate and encourage club members as well as international photographers to learn and achieve photographic standards, the award of distinctions by UPHK divides to five different categories, and it is well recognized and sought.

1) Category in UPHK Monthly Competitions:

- Bright Star Photographer of UPHK (B.UPHK)
- Silver Star Photographer of UPHK (S.UPHK)
- Gold Star Photographer of UPHK (G.UPHK)
- Diamond Star Photographer of UPHK (D.UPHK)

2) Category in Examinations:

- Licentiate of UPHK (L.UPHK)
- Associate of UPHK (A.UPHK)
- Fellow of UPHK (F.UPHK)
- Master of UPHK (M.UPHK)

3) Category in International Salon:

- Artist in Salon of UPHK (AR.UPHK)
- Proficiency in Salon of UPHK (P.UPHK)
- Excellence in Salon of UPHK (E.UPHK)
- Grand Master in Salon of UPHK (G.M.UPHK)

4) Category in UPHK Salon:

- Outstanding Exhibitor of UPHK (O.E.UPHK)
- Excellent Exhibitor of UPHK (E.E.UPHK)
- Honorary Exhibitor of UPHK (Hon.E.UPHK)
- Master Exhibitor of UPHK (M.E.UPHK)

5) Category in Honorary Service:

- Honorary Service of UPHK (H.S.UPHK)
- Honorary Outstanding Service of UPHK (H.O.S.UPHK)
- Honorary Excellence Service of UPHK (H.E.S.UPHK)
- Honorary Member of UPHK (H.M.UPHK)
- Honorary Distinguished Member of UPHK (H.T.M.UPHK)
- Honorary Elite Member of UPHK (H.E.M.UPHK)
- Honorary Diamond Member of UPHK (H.D.M.UPHK)
- Meritorious Committee Member (M.C.M. UPHK)
- Honorary Associateship of UPHK (Hon.A.UPHK)
- Honorary Fellowship of UPHK (Hon.F.UPHK)
- Honorary Master of UPHK (Hon.M.UPHK)

Rule 2:

Once the applicant passed or applied to obtain the above distinctions, he/she is welcome to use these letters for their distinctions after his/her name.

Rule 3:

Any UPHK life member can apply for following distinctions of Category in UPHK Monthly Competitions:

- A) Bright Star Photographer of UPHK (B.UPHK)
Obtained 25 or above award photos in UPHK monthly competitions
- B) Silver Star Photographer of UPHK (S.UPHK)
Obtained 50 or above award photos in UPHK monthly competitions
- C) Gold Star Photographer of UPHK (G.UPHK)
Obtained 100 or above award photos in UPHK monthly competitions
- D) Diamond Star Photographer of UPHK (D.UPHK)
Obtained 200 or above award photos in UPHK monthly competitions

Rule 4:

Any UPHK life member can apply for UPHK distinctions of Category in Examination or Category in International Salon or Category in UPHK Salon, using international distinctions from these international organizations:

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA (PSA)
THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN (RPS)
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART (FIAP)
GLOBAL PHOTOGRAPHIC UNION (GPU)
IMAGE COLLEAGUE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL (ICS)
UNITED PHOTOGRAPHERS HONG KONG (UPHK)

- A) For applying as Licentiate of UPHK (L.UPHK), the applicant must:
- 1) obtained RPS's L.RPS or above distinction, or
 - 2) obtained ICS's L.USPA or above distinction, or
 - 3) obtained PSA's B.PSA or above distinction, or
 - 4) obtained photographic diploma or high diploma from Hong Kong local universities or colleges
- B) For applying as Associate of UPHK (A.UPHK), the applicant must:
- 1) obtained RPS's A.RPS or above distinction, or
 - 2) obtained ICS's A.ICS or above distinction, or
 - 3) obtained PSA's S.PSA or above distinction
- C) For applying as Fellow of UPHK (F.UPHK), the applicant must:
- 1) With RPS's F.RPS distinction, or
 - 2) With ICS's F.ICS or above distinction, or
 - 3) With PSA's G.PSA or above distinction
- D) For applying as Master of UPHK (M.UPHK), the applicant must:
- 1) Obtained ICS's M.ICS
- E) For applying as Artist in Salon of UPHK (AR.UPHK), the applicant must:
- 1) Obtained PSA's 3-Star Exhibitor or above distinction in any division, or
 - 2) Obtained FIAP's AFIAP or above distinction, or
 - 3) Obtained GPU's CR3 Exhibitor or above distinction, or
 - 4) Obtained ICS's A.USPA or above distinction
- F) For applying as Proficiency in Salon of UPHK (P.UPHK), the applicant must:
- 1) Obtained PSA's PPSA or above distinction, or
 - 2) Obtained FIAP's EFIAP or above distinction, or
 - 3) Obtained GPU's CR4 Exhibitor or above distinction, or
 - 4) Obtained ICS's A.ICS or above distinction, or

- 5) Obtained ICS's A.SWAN or above distinction, or
- 6) Obtained ICS's E.FMPA or above distinction

G) For applying as Excellence in Salon of UPHK (E.UPHK), the applicant must:

- 1) Obtained PSA's EPSA or above distinction, or
- 2) Obtained FIAP's EFIAP/P or above distinction, or
- 3) Obtained GPU's CR5 Exhibitor or above distinction, or
- 4) Obtained ICS's F.ICS or above distinction, or
- 5) Obtained ICS's F.SWAN or above distinction, or
- 6) Obtained ICS's E.USPA or above distinction

H) For applying as Grand Master in Salon of UPHK (GM.UPHK), the applicant must:

- 1) Obtained PSA's MPSA distinction, or
- 2) Obtained FIAP's MFIAP distinction, or
- 3) Obtained ICS's M.ICS distinction, or
- 4) Obtained ICS's M.SWAN distinction, or
- 5) Obtained ICS's M.FMPA distinction, or
- 6) Obtained ICS's M.USPA distinction

I) Outstanding Exhibitor of UPHK (O.E.UPHK)

For distinguished exhibitor in our salon, from the 1st U.P.H.K. INTERNATIONAL SALON EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY, any entrant have 20 or more accepted different works in the same section is entitled to apply the Outstanding Exhibitor of UPHK (O.E.UPHK)

J) Excellent Exhibitor of UPHK (E.E.UPHK)

For distinguished exhibitor in our salon, from the 1st U.P.H.K. INTERNATIONAL SALON EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY, any entrant have 10 or more awarded HM Ribbon (Excl. Gold/Silver/Bronze medals) in ten different works in the same section is entitled to apply the Excellent Exhibitor of UPHK(E.E.UPHK).

K) Honorable Exhibitor of UPHK (Hon.E.UPHK)

For distinguished exhibitor in our salon, from the 1st U.P.H.K. INTERNATIONAL SALON EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY, any entrant have nine accepted different works in the same section in consecutively three years is entitled to apply the Honorable Exhibitor of UPHK (Hon.E.UPHK)

L) Grand Master Exhibitor of UPHK (M.E.UPHK)

For distinguished exhibitor in our salon, from the 1st U.P.H.K. INTERNATIONAL SALON

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY, any entrant have 10 or more awarded Medals(Excl.HM Ribbons or Certificate of Merits) in ten different works in the same section is entitled to apply the Grand Master Exhibitor of UPHK (M.E.UPHK)

Rule 5:

From the establishment of UPHK until 2015-2, any club life member can use any local(HK) or international distinctions to apply the equivalent UPHK distinctions, with submitted application fees, and submitted photos from previous distinctions (exception international distinctions). The club can exhibit the photos to the public without making any payments to the author.

Rule 6:

With two local(HK) or international fellowship distinctions, any UPHK life member can waive the examination of associateship and directly apply for the fellowship examination, with paying a total fee of HKD\$700, or USD\$, and submit photos from pass associateship and current fellowship application. The club can exhibit the photos to the public without making any payments to the author.

Rule 7:

To commend club members and photographers contributed to the Hong Kong or international photographic society, honorary service distinctions are recommended by the distinctions chairman to award to these photographers, with approval of the club committee.

1) Honorary Service of UPHK (H.S.UPHK)

Must service the club council for at least 1 consecutive year with contribution, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club

2) Honorary Outstanding Service of UPHK (H.O.S.UPHK)

Must service the club council for at least 2 consecutive years with contribution, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club

3) Honorary Excellence Service of UPHK (H.E.S.UPHK)

Must service the club council for at least 3 consecutive years with contribution, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club

4) Honorary Member of UPHK (H.M.UPHK)

Must service the club council for at least 4 consecutive years with contribution, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club

- 5) Honorary Distinguished Member of UPHK (H.T.M.UPHK)
Must service the club council for at least 5 consecutive years with contribution, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club
- 6) Honorary Elite Member of UPHK (H.E.M.UPHK)
Must service the club council for at least 7 consecutive years with contribution, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club
- 7) Honorary Diamond Member of UPHK (H.D.M.UPHK)
Must service the club council for at least 10 consecutive years with contribution, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club
- 8) Meritorious Committee Member (M.C.M. UPHK)
Must service the club council for certain years of period with contribution, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club
- 9) Honorary Associateship of UPHK (Hon.A.UPHK)
Must have AUPHK distinction or above, or obtained over 20 award photos in the club
monthly competitions, or
Must service the club council for at least 4 consecutive years with contribution and with
photographic skills achieved at associateship level, and council attendance over 70%, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club with photographic
skills achieved at associateship level
- 10) Honorary Fellowship of UPHK (Hon.F.UPHK)
Must service the club council for at least 5 consecutive years with contribution and with
photographic skills achieved at fellowship level, and council attendance over 70%, or
Any foundation life member provided great contributions to the club with photographic
skills achieved at fellowship level, or
Any local(HK) or international photographers with great contributions to the club or to the
photographic society
- 11) Honorary Master of UPHK (Hon.M.UPHK)
Must service the club council for at least 10 consecutive years with contribution and with
photographic skills achieved at extremely excellent level, and council attendance over 70%,
or
Any foundation life member provided extremely great contributions to the club with

photographic skills achieved at extremely excellent level, or

Any local(HK) or international photographers at extremely excellent photographic skills with extremely great contributions to the club or to the photographic society

Above honorary service shall no need to submit any fee payment and there is no regular award date.

Rule 8:

Assessment for LUPHK, AUPHK, FUPHK and MUPHK will be held once each year in August with submission deadline of July 31. Any club life member can apply for licentiateship and associateship, but only club associates can apply for fellowship assessment, and only club fellows can apply for master assessment. Using international distinctions for applying UPHK distinctions can be submitted at any time of the year. Distinctions certificates will be issued during UPHK annual dinner each year.

Section 2 Assessment Rules

Rule 9:

Assessment Fee is as below.

- 1) L.UPHK / AR.UPHK: HK\$300 for local applicants and US\$60 for overseas/international applicants
- 2) A.UPHK / P.UPHK: HK\$400 for local applicants and US\$70 for overseas/international applicants
- 3) F.UPHK / E.UPHK: HK\$500 for local applicants and US\$90 for overseas/international applicants
- 4) M.UPHK / GM.UPHK: HK\$700 for local applicants and US\$110 for overseas/international applicants
- 5) O.E.UPHK / E.E.UPHK / Hon.E.UPHK / M.E.UPHK: HK\$100 or US\$20 for the administration fee
- 6) Must apply P.UPHK before apply E.UPHK
- 7) Must apply E.UPHK before apply GM.UPHK
- 8) Hong Kong local applicants can pay via cheque payable to "United Photographers Hong Kong Ltd" or direct deposit to Bank of China (HK) Account Number: 012-917-0-024828-1
- 9) Overseas/International applicants can pay via paypal to hongwai2014@gmail.com
- 10) Upon successful payment, applications and payment slip can mail to UPHK address: Flat 06-07, 12/F, Energy Plaza, 92 Granville Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong

Kong

11) If failed L.UPHK, applicant can re-apply for assessment within 6 months free of charge. If failed A.UPHK, applicant can re-apply for assessment within 6 months at half-price. If failed F.UPHK, applicant can re-apply for assessment within 12 months at half-price. Fee is not refundable once payment is made with photos submitted.

Rule 10:

Applicant for L.UPHK or A.UPHK must be club life members. Applicant for F.UPHK must have obtained A.UPHK for over at least 1 year. Applicant for M.UPHK must have obtained F.UPHK for over at least 3 year. Applicant for L.UPHK, A.UPHK, F.UPHK, M.UPHK, AR.UPHK, P.UPHK, E.UPHK, or GM.UPHK must be club life members.

Rule 11:

Applicant must state the application type (e.g. L.UPHK, A.UPHK, F.UPHK, M.UPHK, etc) in the application. For applying L.UPHK do not accept computerized photos.

Rule 12:

Application for L.UPHK must submit 10 photos in color or monochrome. The size of photos must over 8x10 inch and not exceed 8x12 inch, with proper card-mounting. Author name, title, and sequence must be written on the back of the photo as well as in the application form. Overseas/International applicants can use digital image of resolution 3000x2000 with file size between 2MB to 5MB via post to the club.

Rule 13:

Application for A.UPHK must submit 15 photos in color or monochrome. The size of photos must over 11x14 inch and not exceed 16x20 inch, with proper card-mounting. Author name, title, and sequence must be written on the back of the photo as well as in the application form. Overseas/International applicants can use digital image of resolution 3000x2000 with file size between 2MB to 5MB via post to the club.

Rule 14:

Application for F.UPHK must submit 20 photos in color or monochrome. The size of photos must over 11x14 inch and not exceed 16x20 inch, with proper card-mounting. Author name, title, and sequence must be written on the back of the photo as well as in the application form. Overseas/International applicants can use digital image of resolution 3000x2000 with file size between 2MB to 5MB via post to the club. An article stating the statement of intend must be provided with minimum of 500 words.

Rule 15:

Application for M.UPHK must submit 35 photos in color or monochrome. The size of photos must over 11x14 inch and not exceed 16x20 inch, with proper card-mounting. Author name, title, and sequence must be written on the back of the photo as well as in the application form. Overseas/International applicants can use digital image of resolution 3000x2000 with file size between 2MB to 5MB via post to the club. These 35 photos must be 5 photos from each one of the following categories, at a total of 7 submitted categories:

Sports Photography, Nature Photography, Street Photography, Portrait Photography, Documentary Photography, Landscape Photography, Night Scene Photography, Festival Photography, Macro Photography, Architecture Photography.

Rule 16:

Photos of L.UPHK or A.UPHK cannot be re-used for assessment for F.UPHK and M.UPHK, while photos of L.UPHK can be used at most five for A.UPHK assessment, with the approval of UPHK Distinctions Chairman. At most 10 photos of F.UPHK can be re-used for assessment for M.UPHK.

Rule 17:

Assessing distinctions applications requires eleven Hon. F.UPHK or F.UPHK holders comprising as the committee.

Rule 18:

Passing marks for L.UPHK is 65%. Passing marks for A.UPHK is 70%. Passing marks for F.UPHK is 75%. Passing marks for M.UPHK is 85%.

Section 3 Awarding Distinctions by the Council

Rule 19:

After distinctions assessment, distinctions chairman submits the result to the club council for review to determine if shall award the distinctions to the applicant. Comments or feedbacks will be given back to the applicant if any.

Rule 20:

All submitted works will be handled with care by the club. However, in the case of loss or damage, the club shall bear no responsibility to compensate.

Rule 21:

All submitted works with passing grades can be exhibited to the public by the club with any payment to the author.

Section 4 Declarations**Rule 22:**

Any club member shall abide the rules of this document with no appeal.

Rule 23:

Any club member with UPHK distinctions shall be taken away if impair the club.

Rule 24:

Final interpretation of this document is at the club.

Rule 25:

Any distribute on the club's distinctions, the club councils has the final decision and distinction chairman has the right for public announcement on the decision.

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