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United Photographers Hong Kong
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UPHK Distinctions Handbook

Section 1 General Rules

Rule 1:

With the objective to uplift the photographic skills and artistic accomplishments of our club members as well as fellow photographers from abroad, UPHK have created distinctions schemes through which the photographic efforts of our club members are appraised and duly recognized. UPHK offers the following routes to distinctions:

Photographic Competitions:

- Bright Star Photographer of UPHK (BUPHK)
- Silver Star Photographer of UPHK (SUPHK)
- Gold Star Photographer of UPHK (GUPHK)
- Diamond Star Photographer of UPHK (DUPHK)

Assessments:

- Licentiate of UPHK (LUPHK)
- Associate of UPHK (AUPHK)
- Fellow of UPHK (FUPHK)

International Salons:

Artist in Salon of UPHK (AR UPHK)

Proficiency in Salon of UPHK (PUPHK)

Excellence in Salon of UPHK (EUPHK)

Master in Salon of UPHK (MUPHK)

Grand Master in Salon of UPHK (GM UPHK)

UPHK Salons:

Outstanding Exhibitor of UPHK (OE UPHK)

Excellent Exhibitor of UPHK (EE UPHK)

Honorary Exhibitor of UPHK (Hon. E UPHK)

Master Exhibitor of UPHK (ME UPHK)

Honorary Service:

Honorary Service of UPHK (Hon. SUPHK)

Honorary Outstanding Service of UPHK (Hon. OS UPHK)

Honorary Excellence Service of UPHK (Hon. ES UPHK)

Honorary Member of UPHK (Hon. UPHK)

Honorary Distinguished Member of UPHK (Hon. Disting. UPHK)

Honorary Elite Member of UPHK (Hon. Elite UPHK)

Honorary Diamond Member of UPHK (Hon. Diamond UPHK)

Meritorious Committee Member (MCM UPHK)

Honorary Associate of UPHK (Hon. AUPHK)

Honorary Fellow of UPHK (Hon. FUPHK)

Honorary Master of UPHK (Hon. MUPHK)

Lifetime Achievement Award

Rule 2:

Upon approval of the application, the applicant can use letters of UPHK distinctions after his/her name, denoting UPHK's recognition of the applicant's attainment of the required photographic standards.

Rule 3:

Any UPHK life member can apply for following distinctions:

A) Bright Star Photographer of UPHK (BUPHK)

Cumulative 25 different photos that have won top three or merits in either Group A or B of UPHK photographic competitions

B) Silver Star Photographer of UPHK (SUPHK)

Cumulative 50 different photos that have won top three or merits in either Group A or B of UPHK photographic competitions

C) Gold Star Photographer of UPHK (GUPHK)

Cumulative 100 different photos that have won top three or merits in either Group A or B of UPHK photographic competitions

D) Diamond Star Photographer of UPHK (DUPHK)

Cumulative 200 different photos that have won top three or merits in either Group A or B of UPHK photographic competitions

Rule 4:

Any UPHK life member can apply for the equivalent UPHK distinctions with distinctions from the following international photographic organizations or selected local photographic 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)

A) Licentiate of UPHK (LUPHK)

- 1) Holder of LRPS or above,
- 2) Holder of L.USPA or above, or
- 3) Holder of BPSA or above

B) Associate of UPHK (AUPHK)

- 1) Holder of ARPS or above,
- 2) Holder of A.ICS or above,
- 3) Holder of SPSA or above,
- 4) Holder of photographic diploma or high diploma from Hong Kong tertiary institutions
- 5) Holder of A.APA or above
- 6) Holder of A.AVAA or above

C) Artist in Salon of UPHK (AR UPHK)

- 1) Holder of Star 3 Exhibitor or above in any division,
- 2) Holder of AFIAP or above, or
- 3) Holder of GPU CR3 Exhibitor or above

D) Proficiency in Salon of UPHK (PUPHK)

- 1) Holder of PPSA or above,
- 2) Holder of EFIAP or above, or
- 3) Holder of GPU CR4 Exhibitor or above

E) Excellence in Salon of UPHK (EUPHK)

- 1) Holder of EPSA or above,
- 2) Holder of EFIAP/g or above, or
- 3) Holder of GPU CR5 Exhibitor or above

F) Master of UPHK (MUPHK)

- 1) Holder of MPSA or above, or
- 2) Holder of M.FIAP or above distinction

G) Grand Master in Salon of UPHK (GM UPHK):

- 1) Holder of GMPSA

H) Outstanding Exhibitor of UPHK (OE UPHK)

Holder of more than 20 acceptances within a division, accumulated since the 1st U.P.H.K. INTERNATIONAL SALON EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY, will earn the distinction of OE UPHK. Local holders of OE UPHK, whether they be UPHK members or not, will be waived the entrance fees for future UPHK salons. Non-local (Mainland China, Macau SAR, Taiwan Region and other countries) holders of OE UPHK, whether they be UPHK members or not, will be waived half of the entrance fees for future UPHK salons.

I) Excellent Exhibitor of UPHK (EE UPHK)

Holder of more than 10 Honorable Mentions or Certificate of Merits (Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals excluded) from different titles acceptances within a division, accumulated since the 1st U.P.H.K. INTERNATIONAL SALON EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY, will earn the distinction of EE UPHK. Local holders of EE UPHK, whether they be UPHK members or not, will be waived the entrance fees for future UPHK salons. Non-local (Mainland China, Macau SAR, Taiwan Region and other countries) holders of EE UPHK, whether they be UPHK members or not, will be waived half of the entrance fees for future UPHK salons.

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

Holder of more than 9 acceptances of different titles within a division, accumulated in three consecutive UPHK Salons, will earn the distinction of Hon. E UPHK. Local holders of Hon. E UPHK, whether they be UPHK members or not, will be waived the entrance fees for future UPHK salons. Non-local (Mainland China, Macau SAR, Taiwan Region and other countries) holders of Hon. E UPHK, whether they be UPHK members or not, will be waived half of the entrance fees for future UPHK salons.

K) Master Exhibitor of UPHK (ME UPHK)

Holder of more than 10 Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals from different titles within a division, accumulated since the 1st U.P.H.K. INTERNATIONAL SALON EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY, will earn the distinction of ME UPHK. All holders of ME UPHK, regardless of their nationality or membership status, will be waived the entrance fees for future UPHK salons.

Rule 5:

Until February 2015, any UPHK life member can apply for the equivalent UPHK distinctions with any local or international distinctions, alongside application fees and submitted photos from local distinctions being applied with. Photo submission requirement is waived for applications with international distinctions. Distinctions will be granted once approved. UPHK has the right to exhibit the photos to the public without any payments to the author.

Rule 6:

UPHK life members who are holders of two local or international fellowship distinctions can submit portfolio for assessment directly for FUPHK, without going through level of AUPHK, by paying a total fee of HKD\$700. Applicants should submit to UPHK the set of photos accepted for associateship of the other photographic organization. UPHK has the right to exhibit the photos to the public without any payments to the author.

Rule 7:

In recognition of contributions to UPHK or photography at large by our club members or fellow photographers, UPHK gives honorary service distinctions as recommended by the Distinctions Chairman, upon approval of the UPHK Council.

Honorary Service of UPHK (Hon. SUPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 1 year, or
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK

Honorary Outstanding Service of UPHK (Hon. OS UPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 2 years, or
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK

Honorary Excellence Service of UPHK (Hon. ES UPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 3 years, or
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK

Honorary Member of UPHK (Hon. UPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 4 years, or
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK

Honorary Distinguished Member of UPHK (Hon. Disting. UPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 5 years, or
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK

Honorary Elite Member of UPHK (Hon. Elite UPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 7 years, or
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK

Honorary Diamond Member of UPHK (Hon. Diamond UPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 10 years, or
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK

Meritorious Committee Member (MCM UPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for an extended period of time, or
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK

Honorary Associate of UPHK (Hon. AUPHK)

- 1) Holding AUPHK distinction or above, or having won over 20 awards from different photos in the UPHK photographic competitions, or
- 2) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 4 years with over 70% attendance in Council meetings, and with photographic skills recognized to be at associate level, or
- 3) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK, with photographic skills recognized to be at associate level

Honorary Fellow of UPHK (Hon. FUPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 5 years with over 70% attendance in Council meetings, and with photographic skills recognized to be at fellow level,
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided great contributions to UPHK, with photographic skills recognized to be at fellow level,
- 3) Past Honorary Presidents or Honorary Advisors who have provided great contributions to UPHK, or
- 4) Any UPHK member or person who has great contributions to photography in Hong Kong or in the world, with great contributions to UPHK

The above honorary service distinctions are determined at the discretion of UPHK and given out at no fee.

Honorary Master of UPHK (Hon. MUPHK)

- 1) Having served the UPHK Council for at least 10 years with over 70% attendance in Council meetings, and with photographic skills widely recognized to be at mastery level,
- 2) Any founding life member who has provided extraordinary contributions to the club, with photographic skills widely recognized to be at mastery level,
- 3) Past Honorary Presidents or Honorary Advisors who have provided great contributions to UPHK, with photographic skills widely recognized to be at mastery level, or
- 4) Any UPHK member or person who has great contributions to photography in Hong Kong or in the world, with great contributions to UPHK, with photographic skills widely recognized to be at mastery level

Lifetime Achievement Award

Any UPHK member or person who has sustained, great contributions to photography in Hong Kong or in the world, with great contributions to UPHK, with photographic skills widely recognized to be at mastery level

The above honorary service distinctions are determined at the discretion of UPHK and given out at no fee.

Rule 8:

Assessments for LUPHK, AUPHK and FUPHK are held once each year in August with submission deadline of July 31. Any life member of this club can apply for LUPHK and AUPHK, but only AUPHK holders are eligible to apply for fellowship assessment. Application for equivalent UPHK distinctions by virtue of international 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:

1) Assessment Fee of each entry for local applicants is as follows:

LUPHK: HK\$400
AUPHK: HK\$500
FUPHK: HK\$700
AR UPHK: HK\$400
PUPHK: HK\$500
EUPHK: HK\$600
MUPHK: HK\$1000
GM UPHK: HK\$1200
OE UPHK / EE UPHK / Hon. E UPHK / ME UPHK and BUPHK / SUPHK / GUPHK / DUPHK: HK\$100 for the administration fee

Hong Kong local applicants can pay cash or cheque payable to "United Photographers Hong Kong Ltd"; or transfer via ATM to BOC (Hong Kong) account: 012-917-0-024828-1 with pay slip and application form mailed to UPHK Distinctions Chairman.

2) Assessment Fee for Mainland China, Macau SAR, Taiwan Region and other overseas applicants is as follows:

LUPHK: US\$70
AUPHK: US\$80
FUPHK: US\$110
AR UPHK: US\$70
PUPHK: US\$80
EUPHK: US\$100
MUPHK: US\$150
GM UPHK: US\$180
OE UPHK / EE UPHK / Hon. E UPHK / ME UPHK and BUPHK / SUPHK / GUPHK / DUPHK: US\$20

Applicants from Mainland China, Macau SAR, Taiwan Region and other overseas countries can pay via paypal to uphksalon@gmail.com with pay slip and application form mailed to UPHK Distinctions Chairman.

3) The International Salon Distinctions of UPHK should be applied in the following sequence: P.UPHK, E.UPHK, M.UPHK and G.M.UPHK.

Rule 10:

Applicants for LUPHK or AUPHK must be UPHK life members. Applicants for FUPHK must have obtained AUPHK for over at least 1 year. Applicants for AR UPHK, PUPHK, EUPHK, MUPHK or GM UPHK must be UPHK life members.

Rule 11:

Applicants must state the distinction level (e.g. LUPHK, AUPHK or FUPHK) in the application for assessment. Applicants can enter more than one body of images or more than one category. Detailed rules are as follows:

- 1) For LUPHK assessments, slight touch-ups and adjustments on images are allowed, such as brightness, color saturation, contrast, spot healings etc. However, computer-composite images are not allowed.
- 2) For AUPHK assessments, both portfolios and non-portfolios (also known as “Collections”) are allowed to be entered.
- 3) Applicants for AUPHK in the category of non-portfolio should submit 15 images comprising at least one from each of the following genres:
 - Sports / Motions
 - Nature
 - Streets
 - Still life / Flora
 - Architecture
 - Landscapes

- Night scenes
 - Festivals
 - Macro
 - Portrait (outdoor or studio)
- 4) A portfolio is a body of images with a common theme, photographed with different techniques.
 - 5) For portfolios themed Travel, Nature or Photojournalism, computer-composite images are not allowed. On the other hand, for portfolios of other themes, there are no restrictions on post-processing.
 - 6) For non-portfolios (also known as “Collections”), there are no restrictions on post-processing.
 - 7) For FUPHK assessments, applicants should submit portfolios, with no restrictions on post-processing.

Rule 12:

Applications for LUPHK should comprise 10 images in print, all of which are either color or monochrome. The size of photos should be at least 8 inches x 10 inches but should not exceed 8 inches x 12 inches. Mounting is not mandatory. If mounting is opted, the mounting board should be sized 10 inches x12 inches. Author’s name, image title and the sequence number should be written on the back of each picture. Sequence numbers of images should be clearly written on the application form. Non-local applicants (Mainland China, Macau SAR, Taiwan Region or other overseas applicants) should also submit their body of images in print. They can either (1) mail digital images of 3000 pixels x 2000 pixels with file size between 2MB and 5MB, burnt on a CD/DVD, which UPHK will print out at a fee (to be advised); or (2) mail the images in print, unmounted, sized at least 8 inches x10 inches but not exceeding 8 inches x 12 inches to this club.

No return of submitted images is arranged for non-local applicants, unless requested with return postage fee provided and administration fee paid (to be advised).

Rule 13:

Applications for AUPHK should comprise 15 images in print, all of which are either color or monochrome. The size of photos should be at least 11 inches x 14 inches but should not exceed 16 inches x 20 inches. Mounting is mandatory, and the mounting board should be sized 16 inches x 20 inches. Author's name, image title and the sequence number should be written on the back of each picture. Sequence numbers of images should be clearly written on the application form. Non-local applicants (Mainland China, Macau SAR, Taiwan Region or other overseas applicants) should also submit their body of images in print. They can either (1) mail digital images of 3000 pixels x 2000 pixels with file size between 2MB and 5MB, burnt on a CD/DVD, which UPHK will print out at a fee (to be advised); or (2) mail the images in print, unmounted, sized at least 11 inches x 14 inches but not exceeding 16 inches x 20 inches to this club.

No return of submitted images is arranged for non-local applicants, unless requested with return postage fee provided and administration fee paid (to be advised).

Rule 14:

Applications for FUPHK should comprise 20 images in print, all of which are either color or monochrome, together with an essay not exceeding 500 words in either Chinese or English. The size of photos should be at least 11 inches x 14 inches but should not exceed 16 inches x 20 inches. Mounting is mandatory, and the mounting board should be sized 16 inches x 20 inches. Author's name, image title and the sequence number should be written on the back of each picture. Sequence numbers of images should be clearly written on the application form. Non-local applicants (Mainland China, Macau SAR, Taiwan Region or other overseas applicants) should also submit their body of images in print. They can either (1) mail digital images of 3000 pixels x 2000 pixels with file size between 2MB and 5MB, burnt on a CD/DVD, which UPHK will print out at a fee (to be advised); or (2) mail the images in print, unmounted, sized at least 11 inches x 14 inches but not exceeding 16 inches x 20 inches to this club.

No return of submitted images is arranged for non-local applicants, unless requested with return postage fee provided and administration fee paid (to be advised).

Rule 15:

No images submitted for the award of LUPHK or AUPHK can be re-submitted for assessment for FUPHK. However, less than half of the images submitted for the award of LUPHK can be re-submitted for an AUPHK assessment, upon approval of the Distinctions Chairman.

Rule 16:

The Distinctions Assessment Committee comprises eleven persons who are holders of either FUPHK or Hon. FUPHK. Assessment is conducted without audience.

Rule 17:

Passing marks for LUPHK is 65%. Passing marks for AUPHK is 70%. Passing marks for FUPHK is 75%.

Section 3 Awarding Distinctions by the Council

Rule 18:

After the assessment, the Distinctions Chairman submits the assessment results to the UPHK Council for final approval. In principle, the UPHK Council does not override the assessment results, but should grant its final approval, based on the following:

- 1) Whether the applicant will in any way subject this club to any reputational risks, and
- 2) The applicant must be a UPHK life member

Rule 19:

All submitted works will be handled with due care by this club. However, this club shall not be liable for any losses or damages whilst in its custody.

Rule 20:

All submitted works for the award of UPHK distinctions shall be deemed to have no commercial value, which UPHK has the right to exhibit to public, without any payment to the author.

Section 4 Declarations and Interpretation

Rule 21:

Any club member shall abide by the rules of this document.

Rule 22:

In case of acts or conducts by holders of UPHK Distinctions that undermine the reputation and credibility of UPHK, the UPHK Council reserves the right to annul his/her life membership and withdraw his/her UPHK Distinctions. The Distinctions Chairman will make an announcement of the decision of the UPHK Council.

Rule 23:

The UPHK Council reserves the right to interpret this document, and its interpretation is final. The Distinctions Chairman shall make announcement of the UPHK Council's interpretation when needed.

Rule 24:

The UPHK Council reserves the right to make decisions in case of disputes, and its decision is final. The Distinctions Chairman shall make announcement of the UPHK Council's decisions when needed.

In case of discrepancies between the Chinese and English versions of this document, the Chinese version shall prevail. The UPHK Council reserves the right of interpretation of this document.

Rule 25:

This document is effective from 1st January 2019.

[Amended on 1st January 2019]