

Call for Entries: Second International Rotary Short-Film Festival in Turkey tackles major global issues through film

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ANKARA, TURKEY, 19. January 2010 -- The International Rotary Film Festival in Turkey is now accepting submissions for its 2nd annual short-film competition. The festival will be held 24-27 February in Ankara.

Filmmakers of all ages from around the world are invited to submit entries on the following themes: world peace, hunger, clean water, child mortality, education, and homeless children. The submission deadline is 31 January. The participating films should have maximum duration of 15 minutes.

As one of the world's largest humanitarian service organizations, Rotary's 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas are dedicated to promoting peace and international understanding and mobilizing resources to help improve lives in communities, both near and far.

"Film has always been a universal language. These short films have the same focuses as Rotary," says Malik Aviral, a member of the Rotary Club of Ankara-Kavaklıdere and chair of the film festival committee. "The opportunities provided by the our short-film festival not only benefit young filmmakers, but also the global community by bringing together people from different cultures and backgrounds united to make the world a better place."

Held during the week of 23 February to help celebrate Rotary's 105th anniversary, organizers hope that the event will offer an opportunity to bring people together to foster global harmony.

"Last year, we received more than 100 entries from countries as far as Brazil, Denmark, and Germany, says Aviral. "We realized that short-film contests that have become popular worldwide are able to move large groups of young people and intellectuals."

The contest will be judged by film directors, artists, and other experts. Prizes will be awarded in the categories of improvisation and documentary. Further information and entry forms are available on the festival's website www.rofife.org.

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary's global membership is approximately 1.2 million men and women who belong about 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

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