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Student from China Wins Grand Prize in Lions International Peace Poster Contest

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, March 7, 2015 – Wei Jin Qian, a 13-year-old girl from Dalian, China, has been named the grand prize winner of the 27th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest, which was created to showcase the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

More than 400,000 students worldwide, ages 11-13, submitted posters to be considered for the grand prize or one of the contest's 23 merit awards. Entries were judged for originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's contest theme, "Peace, Love, and Understanding."

Qian presented the theme of peace as an image of children from different countries coming together to build a monument of peace.

"I would like to promote and advocate the idea of peace so that more people will support peace with their love," said Qian. "People from around the world need to build a monument of peace together, using communication, understanding and love to carry out the spirit of love and peace forever."

As the grand prize winner, Qian receives US\$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony at the 37th annual Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City. The president of the Dalian Gao E Fu Lions Club in Dalian, China, which sponsored Qian's local contest, will also be in attendance.

"Lions take great pride in supporting our youth," said Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston. "The Peace Poster Contest is a great opportunity for our young people to share their vision of the world in a creative, positive way. I am always in awe of the talent of these young artists and the ability of young people to inspire us."

In addition to the grand-prize-winning poster, there are 23 Merit Award winners who receive a Certificate of Merit and US\$500. This year's Merit Award winners are from China, Colombia, Finland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Multiple District 300 Taiwan, Philippines, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Thailand and the United States (Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio and Virginia).

The grand prize Peace Poster and the 23 Merit Award winners' Peace Posters will be featured at the 98th annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, in June. Visit the Lions Clubs International website, www.lionsclubs.org, to view winning Peace Posters and learn more about the contest.

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