

Contest and Exhibition Project

"Art from Plastic to Promote Wildlife and Environmental Conservation" (*Plastically Possible* Student Art Challenge)

Chiangmai Zoo Aquarium is proud to be collaborating with Ocean Recovery Alliance, an international non-profit organization operating in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the United States. It has focuses on reducing and preventing plastic pollution through research, recycling, unique new collaborations, policy, technologies, and social engagement. The organization has previously collaborated with several multi-lateral organizations, such as the United Nations and the World Bank.

Through our collaboration, we have created the Plastically Possible Student Art Challenge for Chiang Mai, Thailand, where students create unique and beautiful wall-hanging art from discarded plastic which they have collected from the environment and community. This engagement with students, teachers and families aims to convey the focus on reducing and preventing plastic pollution that impacts the environment. It provides an opportunity for youths and students in Chiang Mai Province and nearby provinces to submit their works for the contest according to the established rules and criteria. The artwork selected by the judging committee will be awarded prizes and exhibited at the Chiangmai Zoo Aquarium. This opens a space for youths and students to show their potential, creativity, and to learn through new experiences. It also helps elevate the role and image of the Zoological Park Organization of Thailand, which emphasizes sustainability in education, conservation, and community and social participation.

Eligibility Requirements

This competition is open to primary and secondary school youths and students, in teams of 3-5 members, who can submit their work without any restrictions, provided it is truly the contestants' own work. The artwork must result from the collaboration of students within the same class. A school can submit multiple entries if each piece represents a different group and a different coordinating teacher. If more than one group and teacher, the school must select who the coordinating teacher will be in order to act as the primary coordinator and official contact for the competition.

Competition Theme

"Art from Plastic to Promote Wildlife and Environmental Conservation" (Plastically Possible Student Art Challenge)

Artwork Requirements

1. Each team must create a sculptural wall-hanging, flat piece of artwork representing a wildlife species of ecological importance. The chosen animal species should have a meaningful connection to environmental protection, biodiversity, or plastic pollution.

2. All artwork must be made primarily from real plastic waste collected from the local environment, home, or school. Students may collect materials from their own communities, such as along riverbanks, public areas, or school grounds, and should clean and prepare the materials safely before use.

3. The backing board of the artwork should be a single piece of foam board, plywood, or recycled wood, with a maximum width of 1.5 meters (150 cm) and a maximum height of 1 meter (100 cm). The thickness of the artwork should not exceed 20 cm. to ensure it can be hung on a wall.

4. Using small pieces of plastic to create the image will help the artwork be sharper and have more detail compared to using large pieces of plastic. This means that you can cut pieces of plastic collected into any size you want, and organize by colors or shapes. Simple glue should be used to fix the plastic pieces to the backboard (not super glue).

5. All plastic materials must be properly cleaned before use. Do not use sharp or dangerous objects as components of the artwork.

6. Each artwork must have a stable structure on a single board and be safe for public display.

Prizes

(Total prize money of 14,000 THB, budget supported by the Ocean Recovery Alliance)

1. Primary Education Level

- **Winner:** Receives a cash prize of 3,000 THB along with a certificate from Chiangmai Zoo.
- **1st Runner-up:** Receives a cash prize of 2,000 THB along with a certificate from Chiangmai Zoo.
- **2nd Runner-up:** Receives a cash prize of 1,000 THB along with a certificate from Chiangmai Zoo.
- **Honorable Mentions (2 Prizes):** Receive a cash prize of 500 THB along with a certificate from Chiangmai Zoo.

2. Secondary Education Level

- **Winner:** Receives a cash prize of 3,000 THB along with a certificate from Chiangmai Zoo.

- **1st Runner-up:** Receives a cash prize of 2,000 THB along with a certificate from Chiangmai Zoo.
- **2nd Runner-up:** Receives a cash prize of 1,000 THB along with a certificate from Chiangmai Zoo.
- **Honorable Mentions (2 Prizes):** Receive a cash prize of 500 THB along with a certificate from Chiangmai Zoo.

Rules for Submission

1. The competition is divided into 2 levels:

A. Primary Education B. Secondary Education.

2. The submitted artwork must not be obtained by violating the laws or government regulations of any relevant agencies, including the morals and good practices of Thai society, and applicants must be able to provide confirming evidence if requested by the organizing committee.

3. The dimensions of the artwork must not exceed 150 cm in width, 100 cm in length, and 20 cm in thickness. The artwork must be made on a strong material that does not easily bend and bears weight well, durable enough to be attached to a wall or placed on an easel, such as plywood, foam board, or smooth wood panels.

4. The submitted artwork must be original and must not have received any awards or been selected for exhibition in any previous competitions.

5. Chiangmai Zoo has the right to use the submitted artworks for dissemination through various media, such as social media, online media, websites, exhibitions, and various print media, without prior notice to the owners of the artwork and without paying copyright fees to the owners.

6. The decision of the judging committee is final, and contestants have no right to appeal whatsoever.

7. Chiangmai Zoo reserves the right to change the terms and conditions, including prizes, without prior notice.

8. Contestants are responsible for thoroughly reading and completely understanding all rules and conditions of the project.

9. Each team will present their work to the committee for 3 minutes per team on July 3, 2026, describing why the animal or bird was selected, and what the importance is of that animal to the environment and community, and why it should be protected.

Judging Criteria

The submitted artworks will be evaluated by a judging committee consisting of representatives from Chiangmai Zoo, Ocean Recovery Alliance, One Beach Plastic, and sponsors. The judging will be based on artistic creativity and craftsmanship, the clarity and accuracy of the environmental message, as well as the expression of teamwork.

The submitted artworks will be evaluated based on the following topics:

1. Creativity and Artistic Quality

- Visual impact
- Composition and craftsmanship
- Effective use of plastic materials

2. Environmental Message

- Clarity and strength of the conservation message
- Relevance to plastic pollution and ecological protection

3. Scientific Understanding

- Accuracy and depth of research
- Clear explanation regarding the importance of the animal species

4. Innovation and Community Engagement

- Creative sourcing of materials
- Empirical evidence of teamwork and class participation

Application Channels

You can apply and register to submit your work via the QR Code as publicized by Chiangmai Zoo through various channels.

Activity Timeline

1. Operations run between March 2026 - July 2026.
2. Produce artwork for presentation between May 20, 2026 – June 17, 2026.
3. Artwork installation and exhibition between June 18, 2026 – July 16, 2026.
4. Judging activity and awarding prizes to selected artworks on July 3, 2026.
5. Artwork collection on July 17, 2026.

Artwork Presentation, Announcement of Results, and Award Ceremony

Friday, July 3, 2026, at the Chiangmai Zoo Aquarium (The schedule is subject to change as appropriate).

Example of Art (note: this is AI generated through our Plastically Possible app, and this design can then help to inspire the creation of the actual, large, wall-hanging art piece. Of course the student designs can be different than what AI generates, and that's the point, to bring out creativity and new ideas, and not be only focused on what AI might produce)



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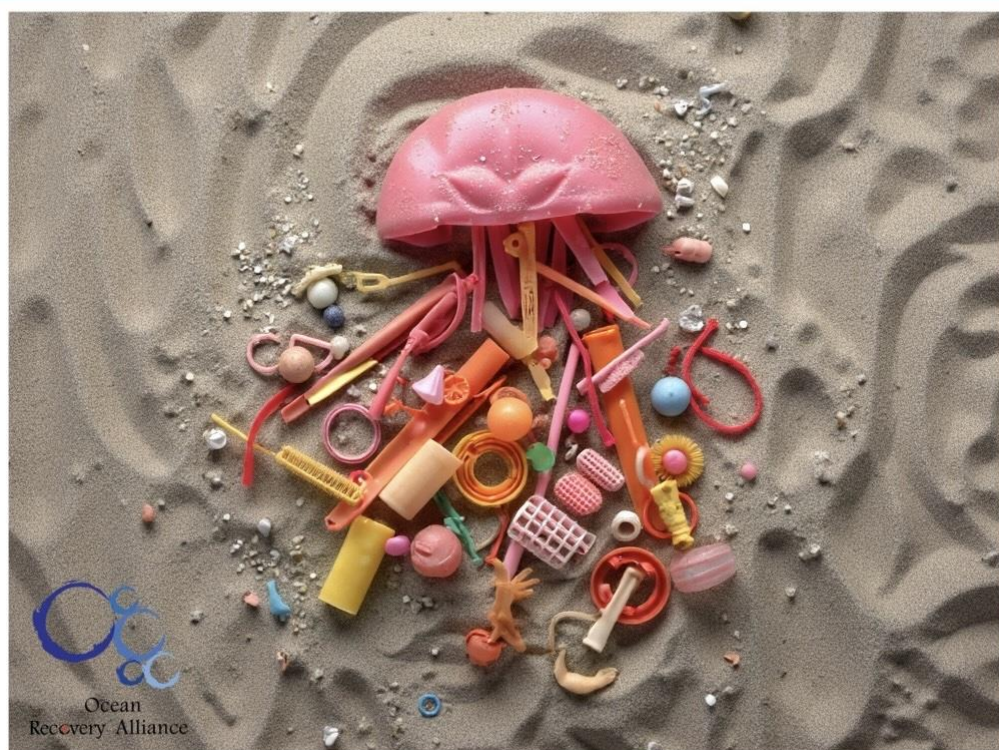
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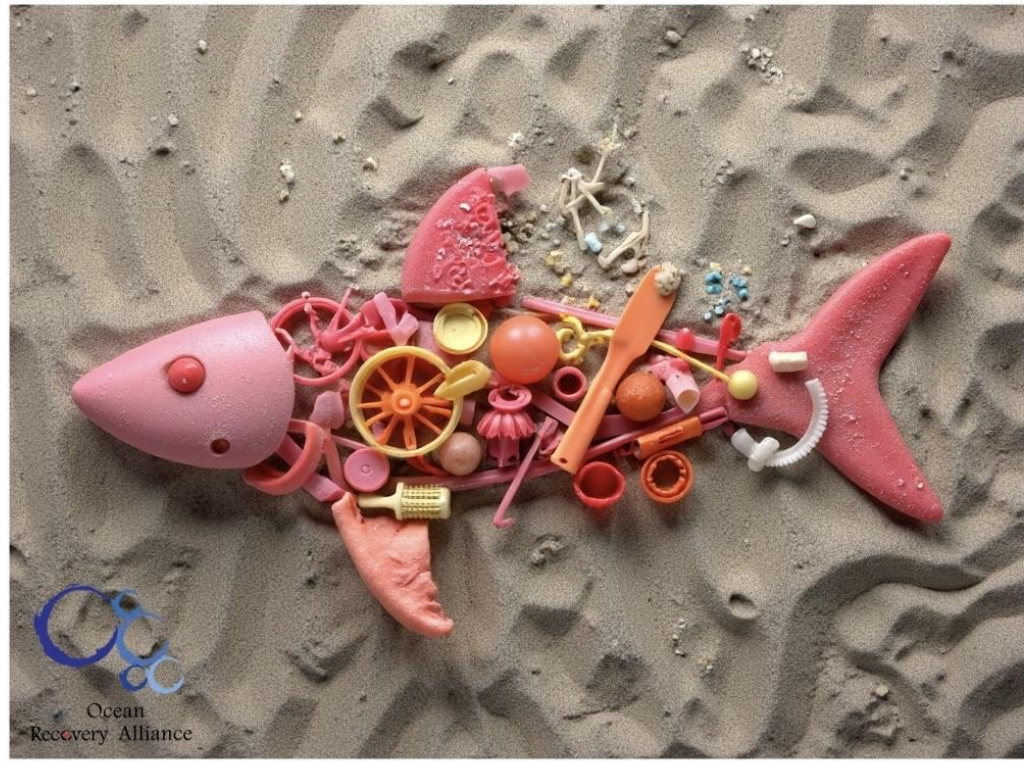


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Registration Reply Form
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At the Chiangmai Zoo Aquarium

School

Education Level Primary Education Secondary Education

- Pleased to participate
 Unable to participate because

List of Participants (Please write in block letters)

1. Name-Surname.....Level
2. Name-Surname.....Level.....
3. Name-Surname.....Level.....
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Coordination TeacherTelephone

Please return the acceptance form to the Education Department, Chiang Mai Zoo by May 16, 2026

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