

## Press Release

### Hong Kong Photographer Wins at 2015 Sony World Photography Awards, the World's Biggest Photography Competition



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- **Winning image to be shown at Somerset House, London 24 April – 10 May**
- **Overall Open winner revealed 23 April, competing for \$5,000 (USD)**

**Hong Kong, Apr 1, 2015** - Hong Kong photographer Wilson Lee is today announced as the winner of the Open Smile category of the 2015 Sony World Photography Awards, the world's biggest photography competition.

Wilson's achievement is extraordinary as he was selected from nearly 80,000 entries from across the world and yet he is an amateur photographer. The winning image was chosen by a panel of experts from the World Photography Organisation which was chaired by [Sam Barzilay](#), Creative Director of United Photo Industries (U.S.). The judges were looking for the single best shot in each of the ten Open categories.

Lee, who currently lives in London where he studies economics at London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), won the Open Smile category with an image titled "Happiness" taken in a train station in Jaipur, India with the Sony Full Frame Interchangeable Lens Camera  $\alpha$ 7R.

Talking about the image, Lee commented: "I took this photo when I was travelling in India last year. Wandering around the platform, I attempted to capture the atmosphere before the train's departure."

He continues: “I am deeply honoured to receive the first prize in the Smile Category of this year's Sony World Photography Awards. Now I am even more committed to capturing beautiful moments in our world.”

For his award, Lee receives a Sony ILCE-7M2K camera with 28-70mm kit lens and will now compete against the winners of the other nine Open categories for the 2015 Sony World Photography Awards Open Photographer of the Year title and \$5,000 (USD) prize.

The overall winning Open photographer will be announced at a gala ceremony in London on 23 April and this photographer will be flown to London to collect his/her prize.

In addition Lee's winning image will be exhibited at Somerset House, London from 24 April – 10 May and be published in the 2015 edition of the annual Sony World Photography Awards book.

The winners of all ten Open categories, plus the three Youth categories which were also announced today, can be viewed at [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org).

The ten category winners of the Open competition are:

- Architecture - Armin Appel, Germany
- Arts & Culture - Hector Muñoz Huerta, Mexico
- Enhanced - Antony Crossfield, United Kingdom
- Low Light - Nick Ng Yeow Kee, Malaysia
- Nature & Wildlife - Antoine Weis, Switzerland/ Luxemburg
- Panoramic - Norman Quinn, United Kingdom
- People - Saleh Rozati, Iran (lives in Austria)
- Smile - Wilson Lee, Hong Kong
- Split Second - Jaime Massieu, Spain
- Travel - Yasen Georgiev, Bulgaria

Interviews with photographers and judges are available via the World Photography Organisation  
173, 444 images were entered in total to the 2015 Sony World Photography Awards: 87,505 Professional entries; 79,264 Open entries and 6,675 Youth entries images

**Winning images are available to download at [press.worldphoto.org](http://press.worldphoto.org)**

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### **About World Photography Organisation (WPO)**

WPO is a home where photography is celebrated and the art of the photographer is recognised. Working with professional, enthusiast and student photographers alike, the World Photography Organisation provides a global network across the photographic industry to not only to raise the level of conversation around the subject, but to increase awareness and appreciation of this artform. WPO hosts a year-round portfolio of industry and public events including: **Sony World Photography Awards**, the world's largest photography competition and accompanying global exhibition; the **World Photography Student Focus Programme**, inspiring and working with the next generation of photographers, and **Photo Shanghai**, Asia Pacific's premier art fair dedicated to photography. In addition, WPO has a thriving online presence via its website, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and addresses the industry's latest issues in its monthly online publication, **The Magazine**. For more information please visit [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org)

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