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From: Organising Secretary, Public Officers’ Welfare Council
To: Supervising Officers i/c Departments/ Ministries

PAINTING COMPETITION 2020

“If you could say it in words, there would be no reason to paint.”
Edward Hopper

COVID-19 has severely affected the world. The invisible virus which does not discriminate between race, religion, color, caste, creed, language, country, borders or rich or poor before hitting, is a wake-up call for all of us. It has forced us to apply the brake, press the pause button and reflect on our relationship with nature and each other.

2. In this context, the Public Officers’ Welfare Council (POWC), operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms, is organising a Painting Competition based on the theme ‘COVID-19’, whereby participants have the opportunity to create a painting that interprets their reflections on the pandemic.

3. Participation is open to all public officers. A set of guidelines pertaining to the competition is at annex A.

4. Cash prizes of Rs 8,000, Rs 5,000 and Rs 3,000 together with souvenir trophies will be awarded respectively to the best three entries. The date of prize-giving ceremony will be communicated in due course.

5. Participants will have to submit with their respective paintings, a photocopy of either a recent payslip or the top part of the payslip, indicating the name, paysite code and National Identity Card number or any written document/ evidence attesting that they are serving public officers. All entries should be addressed to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers’ Welfare Council, 6th Floor, ATOM House, 16 Royal Street, Port Louis by Thursday, 06 August 2020 at 1500 hours latest.

6. It would be appreciated if the content of this circular letter could be brought to the attention of all officers serving in your Department/ Ministry.

7. This circular has also been posted on the website of the Public Officers’ Welfare Council http://powc.govmu.org

8. For any additional information, the undersigned may be contacted on telephone numbers: 208-6658 or 208-0157.

V. Ramburuth
Organising Secretary

Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations
PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL
PAINTING COMPETITION 2020
THEME: COVID-19

Guidelines and Conditions:

1. Size of Artwork - **A3 Size**.
2. Any colour and type of paper can be used.
3. There will be no restriction on painting type/style; participants are free to use experimental and mixed techniques.
4. Only one artwork per participant will be accepted.
5. A brief description of the artwork must be submitted on a separate sheet.
6. Participants should label their work with a pen name that should be written at the back of the painting.
7. The Jury Panel will select the winning artwork based on the following criteria:
   - Relevance to the theme;
   - Aesthetic and artistic appeal;
   - Creativity;
   - Originality.
8. The selected painting will become the property of the POWC. The POWC shall retain the exclusive right to use, publicise or broadcast, in part or in whole, the painting.
9. Participants cannot claim any form of remuneration if the POWC uses the painting in any form.
10. Participants should submit information as per the attached participation form as per annex B as well as a photocopy of either a recent payslip or the top part of the payslip indicating the name, paysite code or any written evidence/document certifying that the participant is a serving public officer.
11. Failure to respect guidelines will result in disqualification.
12. Entries received after the deadline will be rejected.
13. The decision of the Jury Panel will be binding and final.
14. The POWC reserves the right not to proceed with the competition or not to award any prize following this competition.
PARTICIPATION FORM

Name of Applicant:

Mr./Mrs./Ms. .............................................................. .............................................................. .............................................................. ..............................................................

Pen name: .............................................................. .............................................................. .............................................................. ..............................................................

PHONE: (Off) ................................................. Fax ..............................................................

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Residential Address:

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Email Address:

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I hereby certify that I am submitting an original painting for this competition

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Date Signature of Applicant