

“SciToon” - All Island Science Cartoon Competition 2024 - Guidelines

The Committee for the Popularization of Science (CPS) of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) is organizing a Science Cartoon Competition to promote the theme of the year 2024, “Harnessing the Power of Sciences for Societal Transformation”. The competition will be conducted under two (02) main sections (School Section and Other).

School Section (Government / Private / International Schools) – Students of Grades 9 - 13	
Category 1 (Grades 9-11)	Theme: “Science in Everyday Life”
Category 2 (Grades 12-13)	Theme: “Innovations for a Sustainable Future”
Other	
Theme: “Research and Innovation for Societal Transformation”	

How can I submit my work?

- Submissions must only be sent by regular or registered post to reach the following address.
Chairperson, CPS
Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science
120/10, Vidya Mawatha,
Colombo 07.
- All applicants are required to submit their cartoon entries along with the duly completed application form attached to the email.
- The deadline for submission is 10th September 2024.

What information should I consider when submitting an entry?

- Cartoons must adhere to the following size specifications: they should be drawn on A4 size (8”x11”) paper.
- The artwork can be created using any medium, such as pastels or watercolors. Pencil drawings will also be accepted.
- Text or captions, if any, should be in English, Sinhala, or Tamil only.
- Submissions that are considered unethical or disrespectful towards individuals or groups will be disqualified. Additionally, any cartoons found to be plagiarized will not be considered eligible.

- Participants are limited to submitting only one cartoon entry. The decision taken by judges will be the final decision and the candidates who do not fulfill the requirements will be disqualified.
- The cartoons of the winners and a few selected submissions will be utilized in SLAAS publications, including newsletters, reports, websites, and other publications.
- Immediate family of CPS members are not eligible to participate in the contest.

How will the winners be selected?

- A panel comprising both scientific experts and artists will evaluate the cartoon submissions, considering the following criteria:
 - Does the cartoon effectively capture the essence of the respective themes?
 - Does the cartoon demonstrate creativity and originality in depicting the chosen theme?
 - Does it effectively communicate complex scientific concepts in a visually engaging manner?
 - Does the cartoon showcase a cross-border and/or cross-disciplinary perspective, reflecting the theme of "SciToon"?
 - Does it evoke emotional responses such as laughter, reflection, or empathy?
 - Does the cartoon demonstrate artistic skill and technique in its execution?
- Winners will be selected based on the overall quality of their submissions and how well they fulfill the above criteria.
- The list of winners will be published on SLAAS official website. (www.slaas.lk).

Contact details:

If you have any questions,

- Email: rsilva@sjp.ac.lk
- Whatsapp (message only): 071 445 8641
- All information regarding the competition is available on the SLAAS website: <https://www.slaas.lk/>
- It is compulsory to complete the application in both the mother language (Sinhala/Tamil) and English language.