

# The Life Force of Wood-Fired Kiln

## The Fifth Annual Wood-Fired Kiln Competition

As wood-fired pottery gains popularity around the world, more and more wood-fired kilns are being built in Taiwan. Kiln-building and firing have become a dream for many Taiwanese potters but few have had the opportunity to fulfill it.

Miao-Li County not only has the largest number of traditional kilns in all of Taiwan, it is now also an important location for small-scale wood-fired kilns. The Miaoli Association for Creative Wood-Fired Ceramics, along with four other sponsoring agencies—Taiwan Decorative Pottery Exporters Association, Toufen Township Office, Zhu-Nan Snake Kiln Local Cultural Museum, and Asia-Pacific Institute of Creativity will be holding a **Wood-Fired Kiln Building Competition**.

This kiln-building competition will focus on the “Mini-Kiln.” A sheet of 85x120cm metal will be used for the base on which competitors will create their kilns using limited space and material to express their unique kiln-building and wood-fired techniques. All those who are passionate about wood-fired pottery are welcome and encouraged to form teams and enter the competition!



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## 【Event Schedule】

| Date                 | Time            | Procedure/Program   | Activity   |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| 10/03(五)<br>Friday   | 9:00~9:30       | Registration  | Team leader picks up materials.  |
|                      | 9:30~18:00      | Marketplace   |  |
|                      | 9:30~10:00      | Event begins!   | Speech by Chairperson<br>Reading of competition regulations<br>Introduction of participating teams |
|                      | 10:00~10:10     | Worshipping the kiln gods   |  |
|                      | 10:10~24:00     | Kiln-Building<br>Competition begins<br>Kiln-firing begins (small) | Kiln-building and firing must be completed within 38 hours.<br>Firing                              |
| 10/04(六)<br>Saturday | 0 : 00-24 : 00  | (medium fire)<br>(large fire)                                     | Firing   |
|                      | 9:30~18:00      | Marketplace   |  |
|                      | 24 : 00         | Sealing the kiln  |  |
| 10/05(日)<br>Sunday   | 9 : 30-18 : 00  | Marketplace   |  |
|                      | 9 : 00-12 : 00  | Kiln-building experience sharing                                  | Team representatives 20 min. post  |
|                      | 12 : 00-12 : 30 | Lunch   |  |
|                      | 12 : 30-14 : 00 | Kiln-Opening, Judging   | Kiln-opening   |
|                      | 14 : 00-15 : 00 | Cultural performances   |  |
|                      | 15 : 00-16 : 00 | Awards  | 16 : 00~<br>Pottery exchange and clean-up  |

## 【Rules of the Competition】

- (1) Competition is open to the public. Each team is limited to 6 team members including team leader. Team members cannot be changed once competition has begun. Violators will be disqualified.
- (2) Registration fee for each team: NT\$12000. Student team :NT\$10000. Security deposit NT\$5000.  
( Security deposit will be refunded if the team successfully completes the competition according to regulations. Deposit will be confiscated if the team violates any rules or damages public property )

(3) **Materials provided by the sponsoring agencies:**

Kiln-building materials: 300 Hard Firebricks, 50 Insulating Firebricks, metal sheeting as base (85x120cm), mortar (1 bag), wire (half kilo), shelving (three at 43x40cm each), shelving stilts (four at 15cm each), L-shaped metal supports (8)

「Wood for firing」: one cubic meter

「Firing instrument」: pyrometers

「Facilities」: One tent, two chairs, one table

(4) **Materials that teams should bring for their own use:** saws, buckets, gloves, spatula, molds, pliers, tools to clean up the ash, and lid for fire box. For foreign teams, the association can provide assistance on tools purchasing.

\* To be fair to everyone, teams are not allowed to use additional kiln-building material, wood for firing and electric tools.

(5) Ten pieces of **greenware** will be provided to each team to fire for competition by the sponsoring agency. After firing, they can be taken home by participants or be sold at the competition marketplace. Teams may also fire additional pieces of their own.

(6) Teams must build and complete firing the kilns within the 38 hours allotted. Teams should design and practice ahead of time.

(7) Temperatures will be determined by the pyrometers provided.

(8) A team of wood-fire kiln experts will be the judges for this competition. Over a three-day period, they will be judging the building and the firing of the kilns and also the pottery after the kilns are opened. Categories of prizes:

【Team Spirit Prize】—Highest score in team orderliness, cleanliness and being environmentally sound. Prize: NT\$3000, certificate and pennant.

【Pottery Prize】—For highest firing success rate of the pottery provided by the sponsoring agents. Prize: NT\$10,000 and certificate.

【Fire Spirit Prize】—For highest peak temperature attained. Prize: NT\$10,000 and certificate

【Kiln-Building Prize】—For form, building skill, and design of the “path of the fire.” Prize: NT\$10,000 and certificate.

【Environmental Prize】—During the competition, warning will be given each time the presence of

black smoke is longer than 5 minutes. The team with the highest temperature and the fewest warnings wins this prize. Prize: NT\$10,000 and certificate.

**【Wood-Fired Kiln Grand Prize】** —Each team submits two pieces of the pottery provided by the sponsoring agency for judging. Highest score wins. Prize: NT\$12,000 and certificate. The winning piece will be held in the collection of the sponsoring agency.

- ( 9 ) Competition is set for Oct. 3-Oct. 5. Kiln opening is scheduled for Oct. 5. Sponsoring agencies reserve the right to change the dates of competition due to weather or other reasons beyond their control. If participants decide not to participate due to change of dates, fees will be refunded.
- ( 10 ) Competition location: Toufen Township Jian Gou flower market ( next to Jian Gou Elementary School, between Li-Xing St. & He-Zuo St. ., Toufen Township, Miaoli County, Taiwan )
- ( 11 ) Please fill out Registration Form when registering. Registration is complete when registration fee and security deposit are paid in full. Participation is limited to available space. Registration will hold on July 15 ~ August 31. Participation limited to 10 teams. Waiting list available.

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- ( 12 ) Teams are responsible for their own travel arrangements.
- ( 13 ) Sponsoring agency has paid for accidental insurance of NT\$24,000,000 for the duration of the competition. Accidents will be covered by this insurance company. Sponsoring agency will not pay for additional damage.
- ( 14 ) Lunch is provided. Teams are responsible for breakfast and dinner. To reduce waste, please prepare own cups, bowls and chopsticks.
- ( 15 ) Teams should prepare tents for resting and sleeping or rent the hotels nearby.

Sponsoring agency reserves the right to change the rules of competition. Changes will be announced in a Competition Handbook on the day of competition.

| ▲ <b>Hotel Information:</b> |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Garden Motel</b>         | <p>【Tel】 +886-37-590088</p> <p>【Address】<br/>No.1489, Zhonghua Rd., Toufen Township,<br/>Miaoli County, Taiwan</p> |
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## Wood-fired Kiln Building Competition Registration Form

Name of Team:

|                  |   |              |  |  |
|------------------|---|--------------|--|--|
| 參加隊伍資料           | Team Leader   |              | Signature  |  |
|                  | Mailing Address   |              |  | Contact Phone  |
|                  | e-mail  |              |  | Dining<br><input type="checkbox"/> Meat<br><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian |
|                  | All team members, understand the difficult process of wood-firing and promise to follow the safety regulation set by the sponsoring agencies. All team members shall take all responsibility for any and all damage and costs caused by fire or any other accidents resulting from our negligence in following the rules for the kiln-building and kiln-firing process. |              |  |  |
|                  | Team Member name  | Name :       | Signature:   |  |
|                  |   | Cell Phone : | Dining   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat<br><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian           |
| Team Member Name | Name :  | Signature:   |  |  |
|                  | Cell Phone :  | Dining:      | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat<br><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian |  |
| Team Member Name | Name :  | Signature:   |  |  |
|                  | Cell Phone :  | Dining       | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat<br><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian |  |
| Team Member name | Name :  | Signature:   |  |  |
|                  | Cell Phone :  | Dining       | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat<br><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian |  |
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