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NATIONAL WINNERS OF 2009 AVIATION ART CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Washington, DC – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) and the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) announced the U.S. winners of the 2009 International Aviation Art Contest held at the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. The contest sponsored by NAA and NASAO in cooperation with the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), is designed to motivate and encourage young people of FAI member nations to become familiar with and participate in aeronautics, engineering, and science.

To be eligible for the national judging, students participated in state-wide art contests and were first, second or third place winners in three age groupings. NASAO, which manages the national competition, received 198 drawing and painting entries from 22 states. More than 3,600 students submitted their work in the state contests. The U.S. winners of the 2009 International Aviation Art Contest are:

Category I: 6 to 9 year olds

First Place: *Chihye Kim, Tennessee*
Second Place: *Zeth Akins, Tennessee*
Third Place: *Jeremy Pan, California*

Category II: 10 to 13 year olds

First Place: *Sai Mandalapu, New Jersey*
Second Place: *Yoo Kyung Na, California*
Third Place: *Kristen Wagner, New Mexico*

Category III: 14 to 17 year olds

First Place: *Ismael Roman, Texas*
Second Place: *Janie Lee, California*
Third Place: *Devin Turner, Wisconsin*

The artwork for the national competition was judged for its originality, creativity, and use of the theme “Create a Poster for the World Air Games” by a distinguished panel including: **Major General Joseph T. Anderson** (USMC, Retired) deputy director, **Dr. F. Robert van der Linden**, chairman of the Aeronautics Division and curator of air transportation and special purpose aircraft, and **Dr. Dik Daso** curator of modern military aircraft from the National Air and Space Museum; **Deborah Gallaway** formerly of NASA; and **Margaret Finch**, a well known artist who specializes in aviation art.

All national winners receive certificates, ribbons and a framed reproduction of their artwork. Their original artwork will be forwarded to FAI headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland for the international judging in April.

An electronic reproduction of the 2009 award winning artwork is available for viewing on NASAO’s web page www.nasao.org.

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