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| **Notification of The First National Institute of Ecology Competition for Research Papers** |

The National Institute of Ecology (NIE) is holding The First National Institute of Ecology Competition for Research Papers to discover and select excellent papers on natural ecological research in Korea and abroad and publish them in PNIE. We invite many researchers to participate in the competition.

\* PNIE: Proceedings of the National institute of Ecology of the Republic of Korea (https://pnie.koar.kr/)

**○ Eligibility:** Graduate students and researchers in the field of natural ecology in Korea and abroad

※ No limit on the number of manuscripts submitted

**○ How to apply:** Submit a Microsoft Word document (.docx) for the paper written in English

**○ Competition subjects:** Research papers on Ecological conservation and assessment, Climate change, Invasive alien species, Ecological information utilization, Eco-imitation technology, Ecological environment policy, etc.

**○ Selection:** The winners will be determined from the order of the highest score by the judging committee.

**○ Evaluation criteria:** Creativity of research subjects, logic and appropriateness of content development and research method, credibility of research data, utilization of research results, etc.

**○ Awards**

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| Subject | Number of Persons | Prize | Award |
| Domestic | International |
| Grand Award | 1 person | 1 person | 2 million won | Minister of Environment Award |
| Excellent Award | 2 persons | 2 persons | 1 million won | NIE Award |
| Participation Prize | 2 persons | 2 persons | 500 thousand won | NIE Award |

※ 1) No award winner may be selected if there is no qualified paper for each class.

2) Prize money is paid after deducting the withholding tax (to be paid by the winner).

3) Prize money is paid to the representative applicant (first author).

**○ Schedule**

- Contest period : March 8 - June 30, 2021 (KST)

- Announcement of winners : Middle of June 2021 (website and individually contacted)

- Award ceremony : End of June 2021

※ This is tentative schedule and if it changes, it will be notified through the website.

**○ Documents to be submitted:** 1 copy of the original paper, 1 copy of plagiarism test confirmation(Similarity Check-Crossref, Copy Killer, etc.)

**○ How to submit:** Submit through the website (www.nie-thesiscontest.com)

**○ Notes**

- There is no limit on the number of submissions per person

- Any paper whose subject or format is not suitable for competition may be excluded from the review.

- All submitted documents will not be returned, and the winning works will be published in the Proceedings of the National Institute of Ecology of the Republic of Korea after additional review according to PNIE regulations.

- If a submitted research paper is published in another journal or if research misconduct is detected, the award will be canceled, and the prize money will be redeemed. If there is a dispute related to intellectual property rights, the applicant must take full responsibility.

**○ Inquiry**

- Contact Email : pse@thinkcontest.com