Photographs in the exhibition were first submitted in three categories to the International Photography Competition, an annual contest open to all members of the Ohio State campus community. An Ohio State international graduate student, a staff member and a faculty member comprised the three-person panel of judges who honored one selection with the overall Best in Show award and selected first, second, and third place winners in People, Places and Transportation. Additionally, 31 photographs were awarded honorable mention recognition. All entries in the competition were judged on the basis of artistic expression, creativity, originality, and quality of image. More than 100 members of the campus community (10 faculty members, 18 staff, 23 graduate students and 54 undergraduate students) submitted 232 photographs across the three categories.

The exhibition features photographs taken in 17 countries, including eight in China, seven in India and three each taken in Canada and Germany. Additional countries represented in the photographs in the exhibition include: Burundi, England, France, Italy, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Thailand and Zimbabwe.

Rachel Ercegovic, an undergraduate student, earned the Best in Show award for her submission “Raw Beauty” that she photographed in Nyanza-Lac, Burundi. Undergraduate student MaKenzie Frank earned 1st Place in the People category with her entry “Bath Time” taken in Mumbai, India. Darrell Ward, a staff member, earned 1st Place in the Places category for his submission taken in Northern Zimbabwe “Mothers Shelter Kitchen Area, St. Albert's Mission Hospital.” Staff member Antonio Perez-Castro won 1st Place in Transportation for his photo from Peru “Antonio the Boatman.” The photographs of four staff members, three faculty, six graduate students and 16 undergraduate students appear in the exhibition. The photographers in the exhibition are from Canada, China, France, India, Spain, Thailand and the United States.

As part of the competition, the Ohio State community submitted photographs taken in 53 countries, including 35 in China, 28 in India, 13 in Germany, 11 in Italy and 10 each in Canada, England and France. The Places category had the most total submissions with 96 photos entered. 74 photographs were submitted in the People category and 61 images in the Transportation category.

Organized by the Office of International Affairs, the international photography competition and exhibition has taken place for more than ten years. View the current exhibition or browse past photography competition winners online at http://oia.osu.edu/photo-contest.