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We would like to announce that the evaluation of official participants' pavilions - a hundred and twenty official participating countries and international organizations - for the "Nature's Wisdom Award" has finished and the gold, silver and bronze prizes for each category have been decided.

The jury meeting for the evaluation of the "Nature's Wisdom Award", which started on May 22 (Sun), has finished today, and the attribution of prizes has been decided. The examination was conducted in the form of an on-site evaluation of all sixty-nine pavilions of official participants by members of the jury. Each pavilion was strictly evaluated from the point of view of the quality of the interior and exterior décor and exhibits, relation of the theme with the physical display, functionality, cleanness and so on. The results of the evaluation are listed below.

The second meeting of the Jury is scheduled to take place in September. The second award will evaluate the theme development and the messages created by participants under the theme of the Exhibition in which they communicate to the world their efforts to solve today's various issues related to nature conservation, and to highlight the value of biodiversity, cultural diversity, establishment of long-lasting peace and mutual understanding, strengthening of international exchange, etc.

The official award ceremony will be held in September.

Nature's Wisdom Award (Results of the 1st evaluation)

Category A (4 modules or more)

Gold prize	Republic of Korea Pavilion
Silver prize	Spain Pavilion
Bronze prize	United Kingdom of Great Britain Pavilion

Category B (1.5 to 3 modules)

Gold prize	Turkey Pavilion
Silver prize	Mexico Pavilion
Bronze prize	Greece Pavilion

Category C (1 module or less)

Gold prize	Philippines Pavilion
Silver prize	Morocco Pavilion
Bronze prize	New Zealand Pavilion

Category D (joint pavilions)

Gold prize	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela : Andean Amazonian Pavilion
Silver prize	Republic of Kenya : Africa Pavilion
Bronze prize	Republic of Uzbekistan : Central Asia Pavilion