



# LUNOX 2026

## Real Estate Mobile Photography Competition — 2nd Annual Edition

*“The Magical Vision Through the Lens”*

Organized by the Relationship and Communication Building (RCB) Club, under the patronage of REMV CREW Students' Association of the Department of Estate Management & Valuation (DEMV), Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce (FMSC), University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ)

Welcome to LUNOX 2026, the second annual edition of the Real Estate Photography Competition. This year the competition expands beyond USJ, inviting undergraduates from all eight faculties of USJ, undergraduates from other recognized universities, and members of the wider photography community to explore the built environment through mobile photography. Below are the complete guidelines to help you participate successfully.

### Key Dates

| Milestone                     | Date                       |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Submission Window Opens       | 20 September 2026          |
| Submission Deadline           | 10 October 2026 (midnight) |
| Judging Panel Review          | 11 – 18 October 2026       |
| People's Choice Public Voting | 12 – 18 October 2026       |
| Winners Announced             | 20 October 2026            |
| Grand Awards Ceremony         | 27 October 2026            |

### Competition Category

- **Mobile Photography Competition** : one theme-based photograph per entrant, captured entirely on a mobile phone.

### Competition Categories (Eligibility)

- **Undergraduate Category:** Current undergraduate students of any recognized university in Sri Lanka.
- **Open Community Category:** Open to photography enthusiasts from the general community, aged between 18 and 35.



## Competition Themes

LUNOX 2026 features five carefully curated themes. Participants choose one theme per submission.

### 1. Urban Landscape

Capture the energy, complexity, and beauty of city life — from soaring skyscrapers and crowded streets to vibrant marketplaces and quiet urban corners. This theme explores how cities are shaped by real estate development and how people inhabit and interact with urban spaces.

### 2. Ancient Structure

Highlight the timeless beauty, historical significance, and architectural resilience of ancient structures — from sacred temples and colonial-era buildings to heritage landmarks — celebrating how heritage architecture continues to shape cultural identity and property values today.

### 3. Architecture in Tourism

Showcase the relationship between architecture and tourism by photographing iconic landmarks, boutique hotels, resort developments, and the architectural language that draws visitors and shapes a destination's identity and economy.

### 4. Sustainable Architecture

Document innovative green buildings, solar-integrated structures, rooftop gardens, passive cooling designs, and eco-villages that prioritize minimal ecological footprint. This theme connects directly to UN SDG 11.

### 5. Green Future (New for 2026)

Capture inspiring examples of environmental sustainability in the built environment, including urban forests, renewable energy, green infrastructure, ecological restoration, and climate-conscious developments. This theme celebrates innovative approaches that create healthier, more resilient, and environmentally responsible communities for future generations.

## Photography Requirements

### 1. Mobile-Only Rule

All submitted photographs must be captured using a **mobile phone camera**. Photos taken with professional cameras (DSLR, mirrorless, action cameras) or with external lens attachments are strictly prohibited.

- **Proof of Mobile Use:** A screenshot from the phone's camera roll — clearly showing the device name, capture date, and time must accompany every submission.

### 2. Original Content

All photographs must be the original work of the submitting participant. Images sourced from the internet, stock libraries, or third parties will be disqualified immediately.



- **AI & Manipulation Policy:** AI-generated, composite, or heavily manipulated photographs are strictly prohibited. Minor adjustments (crop, brightness, contrast) are permitted. Participants must sign a declaration confirming that no AI tools were used.

## Submission Criteria

- **Submissions per Entrant:** Each participant may submit **ONE** photograph per competition. Entrants are advised to choose their best work carefully.
- **File Format:** Photos must be submitted in JPEG or PNG format.
- **Resolution:** Minimum resolution of 1080px (width) to ensure clarity. Photos should not be overly edited or pixelated.
- **File Size:** The maximum file size for each photo submission is **20MB**.
- **Photo Metadata:** Participants must submit photos with intact EXIF metadata, including device name, camera settings, and date/time of capture. Photos with missing or stripped metadata may be disqualified.

## Editing Restrictions

- Minor editing such as cropping or adjusting brightness/contrast is allowed.
- Heavy manipulation including removing or adding objects, or otherwise altering the image's reality is strictly prohibited.

## Judging Criteria

| Criterion                                        | Weight |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Creativity & Originality                         | 40%    |
| Adherence to Theme                               | 20%    |
| Technical Quality (focus, composition, lighting) | 40%    |

## How to Submit

- Submission will be made available via the official LUNOX 2026 online registration portal, opening 10 October 2026.
- Submit your chosen theme, your photograph, the required proof-of-mobile-use screenshot, and the signed AI-use declaration before the submission deadline.
- All entries will be verified for eligibility and rule compliance by the organizing committee before proceeding to judging.



## Grand Awards Ceremony

The Grand Awards Ceremony For the winners will be held on 27 October 2026 at Waters Edge Hotel featuring a curated exhibition of shortlisted entries, an industry keynote address, winner announcements, and a structured networking session with professionals from the real estate and creative industries.

## Enquiries

For any questions regarding eligibility, submission, or competition rules, please contact the RCB Club

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