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EMBASSY OF FINLAND IN NIGERIA CELEBRATED FINLAND'S INDEPENDENCE DAY BY SHOWING PHOTOS OF FINNISH PHOTOGRAPHER NIKO LAURILA

Photos by Finnish photographer Niko Laurila delighted guests arriving at the Embassy of Finland in Independence Day on Friday, December 6th, 2019 in Abuja, Nigeria. The exhibition will run on the ambassador's residence until the end of this year, after which the pictures will be placed to the Finnish representative office as a mission to create a Finnish atmosphere.

The exhibition consists of six pictures and a video installation. The pictures introduce Finnish seasons, especially Finnish winter – snow, ice and northern lights. "Pictures are placed into our lobby where we received our estimated 400 guests. Only few of the locals have had possibility to visit Finland, so it is pleasure to us show the beauty of Finnish nature through Niko's photos", tells Jyrki Pulkkinen, Ambassador of Finland.

Pulkkinen and his wife have been following Niko on his Facebook pages already a long time. Particularly Niko's nature photos and pictures of the city of Porvoo pleases most. "Last summer we moved our home in Finland to Porvoo and through Niko's photos it's been great to get to know better our new hometown", Pulkkinen says. Porvoo is strongly and recognizably present in the photos of the latest exhibition.

Niko's exhibition in the Hague earlier this year gave the idea of possible cooperation. "We want to encourage and give chances to young talented artists to get ahead in their career both at home and abroad. Finnish representative offices abroad provide an excellent opportunity for this", Pulkkinen continues.

"This is a unique opportunity and it is more than great to have this kind of possibility to introduce Finland through my photos to the world," says Laurila gratefully.

Niko Laurila is a young Finnish photographer. The followers of Niko Laurila Photography's publications have grown quickly. One publication has well over 100,000 viewers. More than 300,000 visitors visit his site each week.

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