



MINKO GERDJKOV PRESENTED WITH A PHOTOGRAPHIC MASTERPIECE:

World-famous photographs on display at the National Palace of Culture's Exhibition "THE BLUE PLANET"



Pictured above: City of Sofia Mayor Gerdjikov and
Greek Ambassador Koumanakou.

Standart News, September 9, 2009, Sofia: Greece's Ambassador to Bulgaria, H.E. Danae-Magdalene Koumanakou, received as a gift one of the world's forty best photographs for 2009. All works are on display in front of the National Palace of Culture in an exhibition called THE BLUE PLANET. The exhibition is part of the largest annual international photography contest called the Trierenberg Supercircuit. Participating are 50.000 photographs from over 100 countries. The photographs have been brought to Bulgaria by Karelia.

The acting Mayor of Sofia, Minko Gerdjikov, received a masterpiece image called "West Thumb Baisin." Ambassador Koumanakou received a beautiful image taken by the evening's special guest, Bulgarian photographer Zlatko Latev, who won first prize in the "Portraits" theme of the competition. Speaking about his work, Latev said, "One of my photographs is dedicated to the "Stone Wedding" near Kardzhali, a very unique spot for which little is known; 40 million years ago this was a sea bottom, but afterwards the sands started to form different shapes." Everything artistic that he has captured on his camera has been for pleasure. He does not hesitate to send his images to various competitions and for the last 9 years he has been participating in Austria's Trierenberg Supercircuit. Last year, his photo was shown at the exhibition "The World We Live In," organized by Karelia in Sofia.

Each year Karelia Investment brings together the best photos from around the world as sponsor of the "Karelia Trophy". The images are then published in special collection albums. The initiative started in 2004 with the album "The World We Live In", followed by another four – "Smoke", "Water", "The Four Elements" and "Emotions". This year the masterpieces are about THE BLUE PLANET. The photographs are the works of different photographers from around the world showing the beauties of our planet.

The large tent that protected the guests from the cold also sheltered animals and plants in a lively corner, a symbolic representation of the wonders of our blue planet. Among them was the only palm tree that grows in Europe called the Tree of Life, as well as the beautiful African grey parrot, which slept covered in its cage. The VIP guests played with the startling green iguana, presented by the Sofia Zoo. The exhibition The BLUE PLANET is in front of the National Palace of Culture from September 7 to September 27 and entry is free of charge.

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