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Development Announcement: M.ZUIKO ED 150-400mm F4.5 TC1.25x IS PRO & MC-20 2x Teleconverter

Making Super Telephoto 2000mm (35mm equivalent) Handheld Shooting Possible

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Olympus Australia is pleased to announce the development of the M.Zuiko Digital ED 150-400mm F4.5 TC1.25x IS PRO super telephoto zoom lens. This model is compliant with the Micro Four Thirds System standard, featuring a 1.25x built-in teleconverter, covering a focal length range from 300-1000mm¹ (35mm equivalent). Also in development is the M.Zuiko Digital 2x Teleconverter MC-20. Combining both products makes handheld super telephoto shooting possible at 2000mm (35mm equivalent). Design mockups of these items will be on display at the CP+ Camera & Photo Imaging Show held at the Pacifico Yokohama in Japan beginning Thursday, February 28, 2019.

With these items, Olympus is going to further expand its super telephoto line-up, maximizing the advantages of the Micro Four Thirds System, namely, features such as excellent image quality, a compact, lightweight design, and amazing portability.

Development is under way on the M.Zuiko Digital ED 150-400mm F4.5 TC1.25x IS PRO, a super telephoto zoom lens in the M.Zuiko PRO series designed for excellent optical performance in a compact, lightweight form, along with dustproof, splashproof, and freezeproof (-10°C) performance and superb mobility. This is the first Olympus interchangeable lens with a built-in 1.25x teleconverter, which can instantly be extended to the maximum focal length of 1000mm¹ (35mm equivalent). It also has in-lens IS (image stabilisation), supporting 5-axis Sync IS² when operating in concert with the image stabilisation of the camera body. The compact system delivers amazing portability, and the built-in teleconverter provides convenience, making it the optimal super telephoto zoom lens for sports and bird photography. This item is scheduled to go on sale in 2020.

The M.Zuiko Digital 2x Teleconverter, MC-20 is a teleconverter that doubles the focal length of the master lens, and features excellent portability and dustproof, splashproof, and freezeproof (-10°C) performance. It can be attached to the M.Zuiko Digital ED 150-400mm F4.5 TC1.25x IS PRO currently in development as well as the M.Zuiko Digital ED 300mm F4.0 IS PRO and M.Zuiko Digital ED 40-150mm F2.8 PRO. Not only does this item extend the telephoto range, but it also doubles the maximum shooting magnification of the master lens for unprecedented super telephoto macro shooting. This item is scheduled to go on sale in Northern Hemisphere Summer 2019 / Southern Hemisphere Winter 2019.

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¹ When using the built-in teleconverter. Widest aperture setting is F5.6.

² Please wait for the press release information upon product sales announcement for compatible models.

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