

Preliminary Screening Choirs must pass the Preliminary Screening in order to be eligible for the competition. Some choirs may be qualified on the recommendation of the Organiser.

Applications for the Preliminary Screening:

- a. An Application form written in English
- b. A recent audio recording of the choir recorded by 2-16 intended singers, after April 2025.
 - *The screening process will be conducted anonymously. Therefore, the choir's name and any other sounds except for the performance must not be recorded.
 - *The performance time shall be within 9 minutes, and the choral pieces may be different from those to be performed in the competition. Each piece must be recorded on a separate track.
 - *The mixing of recorded sound is prohibited for the fair screening.
 - *The recording media shall be a CD (CD-DA format). DVDs are not acceptable. The recording media will not be returned.
- c. One digital photo showing the choir

Application Deadline: 30 September 2025

*The result of the Preliminary Screening will be announced by 31 October 2025 at the latest.

Registration Qualified Choirs must submit the following documents.

Registration Documents:

- a. Fully completed registration forms.
- b. A bank cheque or proof of bank transfer covering the participation fee (only if bank transfer is selected).
- c. 7 original scores for the Category Competition

Registration Deadline: a. & b. 1 December 2025 / c. 23 December 2025

*The mailing address will be announced later.

Immigration Upon entering the country, it is necessary to follow the entry procedures specified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Participation Fee For participation in the competition, a non-refundable participation fee of JPY 30,000 must be paid per choir after passing the Preliminary Screening.

The participation fee of JPY 30,000 covers;

- a. Admission tickets to the competitions for all choir members including conductors and accompanists
- b. Programme booklet and Commemorative gift (clear folder) for all choir member
- c. CDs and DVDs recorded by the authorised agent
- d. Photos taken by the authorised agent
- e. Rehearsal room fee
- f. English guide

Payment Methods;

- a. Credit card
- b. Bank transfer *The bank details will be notified later.
- c. Bank cheque

Payment Deadline: 1 December 2025

Accommodation/ Meals / Transportation The participating choirs will be responsible for their own expenses of travel and accommodation.
[Accommodation fees]

*The hotel room prices fluctuate and may vary depending on the date.

NO.	Package	Room	3 nights per person	Additional day per person
1	Economy Hotel	Twin	JPY 37,000	JPY 11,000
2	Deluxe Hotel	Twin	JPY 43,000	JPY 13,000
3		Single	JPY 49,000	JPY 15,000

This package includes:

- a. Accommodation for 3 nights
- b. 7 Meals
3 breakfasts, 4 lunches

*Meal charges are not included for additional days.

[Transportation expenses]

Daily cost per group: JPY 132,000

*Transportation within the city to the hotel, competition venue, practice venues, and pick-up at JR Fukushima Station.

*One bus for 25 people

Payment Methods:

- a. Credit card
- b. Bank transfer *The bank details will be notified later.

Payment Deadline: 15 January 2026

Financial Assistance Choirs selected for the Grand Champion Competition will receive financial assistance of up to JPY 7,000 per hotel stay after being selected for the finals for each choir member, including the conductor and the accompanist.

Admission/ Application of Visa

- a. Please note that all applicants will be admitted as a participant and obtain visa-related documents issued by the Organiser only after fully completed registration forms and payments have been received.
- b. The authorised travel agency will, upon request, arrange accommodations for non-performers and issue documents for visa applications as a tourist, but only when fully completed applications and payments have been received.

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