

## Conditions of Participation

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**Preliminary Screening** Applicants have to be approved through the preliminary screening conducted. Some choirs could be qualified on the recommendation of the organiser.

Applications for the preliminary screening;

- a. An Application form written in English
- b. A recent recording of the choir recorded by 2-16 expected singers, after April 2024.
  - \*The screening process will be conducted anonymously. Therefore, the choir's name and any other sounds except the performance must not be recorded on the CD etc.
  - \*The time of performance shall be within 9 minutes, and the choral pieces can be different from the ones to be performed in the competition. Each piece must be recorded on separate tracks.
  - \*The mixing of recorded sound is strictly 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

Deadline: 30 September 2024

\*The result of the preliminary screening will be announced by 31 October 2024 at the latest.

**Registration** Qualified Choirs should provide 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 you select bank transfer).
- c. 7 original scores for the Category Competition

Deadline: a. & b. 1 December 2024 / c. 25 December 2024

\*The mailing address will be announced later.

**Immigration** Upon entering the country, it is necessary to follow the entry procedures indicated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. It is recommended to thoroughly confirm the requirements beforehand as they may vary depending on the current COVID-19 infection situation.

**Participation Fee** For participation in the competition, a non-refundable participation fee of JPY 30,000 has to be paid per choir after being selected through the preliminary screening. Any other costs that arise must be paid by the applicant.

The participation fee JPY 30,000 per choir covers;

- a. Admission tickets to the competitions for each choir member including the conductor and the accompanist
- b. Program booklet and clear file folder as memorabilia per choir member
- c. CDs and DVDs recorded by the authorised agent
- d. Photos taken by the authorised agent
- e. Rehearsal room
- f. English speaking guide

Payment Methods;

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

Deadline: 1 December 2024



**Accommodation / Meals / Transport** The participating choirs will be responsible for their own costs 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 34,800	JPY 12,000
2	Deluxe Hotel	Twin	JPY 44,400	JPY 13,000
3		Single	JPY 47,400	JPY 15,000

This package includes:

- a. Accommodation for 3 nights
- b. 7 Meals  
3 × breakfast, 4 × lunch  
\*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.

Deadline: 15 January 2025

**Financial Assistance** Choirs selected for the Grand Champion Competition will have financial assistance of a maximum of JPY 7,000 per stay at hotels after being selected for the finals for each choir member, including the conductor and the accompanist.

**Admission/ Application of Visa**

- a. Please kindly note that all applicants will be only admitted as a participant and obtain visa-related documents issued by us, if we received fully-completed registration forms and payments.
- b. Our authorised travel agency, on request basis, will arrange for non-performers' stay and issue the documents for visa applications as a tourist, but only if they received fully-completed applications and payments.

## Contact Address

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