
The 7th Fukushima Vocal Ensemble Competition 2014 Registration Information

Documents to be submitted

Please submit the following documents by email no later than December 15.

- a. Registration Form I
- b. Registration Form II List of Musical Pieces
- c. Registration Form III List of Participants
- d. Registration Form IV Stage Arrangement
- e. Registration Form V Itinerary
- f. Registration Form VI
- g. Bank cheque or proof of bank transfer covering the participation fee (and ticket fee)
(only if you select bank transfer)

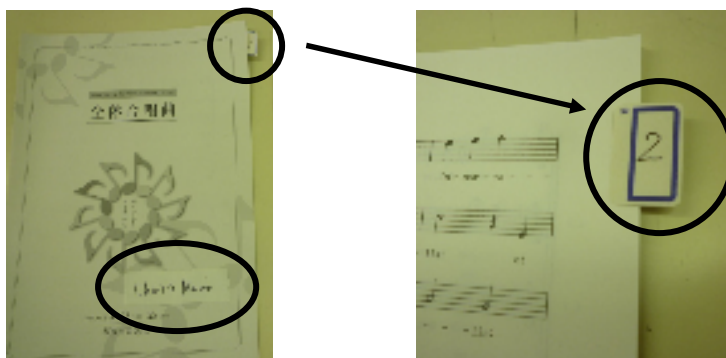
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** Please note that we will not accept any change in the description of the registration forms other than Registration Form IV. In case of any urgent need to change members due to unexpected disease or injuries, please notify to the reception desk on the day of competition.

Musical Scores

- a. Please submit 7 original scores for the category competition by the end of January 2014. If you are approved to participate in the Grand Champion Competition, you are required to submit 7 original scores for the finals at the meeting held on the previous day of the Grand Champion Competition.
- b. Please clearly state your choir's name on the cover page of the musical note, and attach a tack seal on the 1st page of each musical piece to show the order of performance.



- c. If you have no choice but to submit copies of the musical notes, please obtain an approval for use from the publishing company, and state it on the musical notes.
- d. If you partially omit or rearrange the piece, please gain approval from the composer / the copyright holder to take necessary procedures, and state it on the separate sheets.

Payment

Please pay the following fees by credit card or bank transfer.
Please refer to "Registration VI."

A. Payment

- a. Participation Fee JPY20,000
- b. Admission Ticket Fee if your friends, family etc. are accompanying you.
Please see the section of "Admission Tickets."
- c. Accommodation Package Fee
Please refer to the attached travel information by the authorized travel agency, JTB.

B. Payment Method

- a. Credit Card (VISA, Master, American Express, Diners, JCB)
- b. Bank Transfer

*Participation and Admission Ticket Fees

Bank Name	Toho Bank Kencho Branch
Bank Code	0126 BIC/SWIFT: TOHOJPJT
Address of Bank	2-16 Sugitsuma town Fukushima city, Fukushima prefecture, 960-8670 Japan
Beneficiary	Masami Kanno, Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Vocal Ensemble Competition
Address of Beneficiary	same as Address of Bank
Branch/Account Number	103-1342795

*Accommodation Package Fee

Bank Name	Toho Bank Central Branch
Bank Code	0126 BIC/SWIFT: TOHOJPJT
Address of Bank	3-25 Omachi Fukushima city, Fukushima prefecture, 960-8041 Japan
Beneficiary	Yukihiro Chiba, President of JTB Tohoku inc.
Address of Beneficiary	same as Address of Bank
Branch/Account Number	101-11318

C. Deadline

- a. Participation Fee
December 15, 2013
- b. Admission Ticket and Accommodation Package Fees
January 31, 2014

Application of Visa

Please contact the embassy of Japan in your country about visas. If you are requested to obtain a visa, we recommend you start the procedure as soon as possible. Documents to be issued by us will be sent to you only if we received the Participation fee and fully-completed registration forms.

If the list of members and the itinerary are not complete, we will not be able to prepare the documents for visa application. So, please make sure to submit the complete forms.

Admission Tickets

Admission tickets for performers

Admission ticket fees for the participating choirs (singers, conductor(s), and accompanist(s)) are included in the participation fee. The tickets will be provided to you when you are participating in the hall visit or signing in at the reception desk.

Please aware that if too many visitors are coming to the competition, visitors with regular admission tickets will be given priority over participants.

Admission tickets for non performers (your family, friends etc.)

Anyone except the participating choir members (singers, conductor(s), and accompanist(s)) is required to pay the following ticket fee. The tickets will be provided to you when you are participating in the hall visit or signing in at the reception desk.

Date	Category	Advance Ticket	Day of Performance Ticket
March 20	Category II	JPY2,000	JPY2,500
March 21	Category I		
March 22	Category III		
March 23	Grand Champion Friendship Concert	JPY2,500	JPY3,000
4 days	All	JPY8,000	-

*All seats are unreserved. No one under 4 years old is admitted.

Day of Performance Ticket

The day-of-performance tickets will be sold at the door in the venue after 9:00 AM. You may purchase only one ticket at a time. Please note that the ticket sales are limited to 100 a day. Only when there are any seats available, some extra tickets will be offered.

Schedule in Fukushima

Your Tentative Schedule

Date	Plan
March 21	a. Lunch b. Rehearsal c. Hall Visit d. Dinner

March 22	a. Breakfast b. Rehearsal c. Lunch d. Competition e. Award Ceremony f. Meeting g. Dinner
March 23	a. Breakfast b. (Rehearsal) c. (Grand Champion Competition) d. Lunch e. (Friendship Concert) f. (Award Ceremony) g. Welcome Party
March 24	a. Breakfast b. Workshop(Lunch) (10:00am - 2:30pm)

*Transportation will be arranged from/to the hotel to/from the hall. One interpreter will accompany you. The staff guides will show you the route in the hall for dressing, gathering, rehearsal, waiting, performance and photo taking.

*Gold titled choirs (top 5 choirs) in each category shall proceed to the Grand Champion Competition on the last day. At least one children's choir shall be qualified for the Grand Champion Competition as an extra Gold winner in Category III, even though they are not selected as top 5 choirs, provided, however, that the number of participating choirs in Group 1 is no fewer than 6.

*The schedule will be fixed and notified to you by the authorized travel agency, JTB after your order of performance is determined at the end of February.

Order of Performance (Category Competition)

We will determine the order of performances by the type of musical instruments etc. and the lot drawing to be held at 1:30 p.m. on February 18, and announce the result on the web site at the end of February. The order of performance in Category III is Group1 after Group 2. If you do not attend the drawing, the executive committee office will draw on behalf of your choir.

Order of Performance (Grand Champion Competition)

The order of performance has been determined by a random draw by the executive committee office as follows:

- 1 Category II The 3rd ranked choir
- 2 Category I The 5th ranked choir
- 3 Category I The 4th ranked choir
- 4 Category III The 4th ranked choir
- 5 Category II The 5th ranked choir
- 6 Category II The 1st ranked choir
- 7 Category III The 1st ranked choir
- 8 Category I The 3rd ranked choir
- 9 Category III The 3rd ranked choir
- 10 Category II The 2nd ranked choir

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| 11 | Category III | The 2 nd | ranked choir |
| 12 | Category I | The 2 nd | ranked choir |
| 13 | Category II | The 4 th | ranked choir |
| 14 | Category III | The 5 th | ranked choir |
| 15 | Category I | The 1 st | ranked choir |

Friendship Concert / Welcome Party / Workshop

We would like you to perform at Friendship Concert or Welcome Party. The time of performance will be around 5 minutes. Any song to inspire people and promote friendship would be appreciated. Which concert to perform will be determined by results of the category competition and balance of countries, and announced to you in the meeting held on the previous day of Grand Champion Competition.

Also, we would like you to prepare folklore or traditional songs for the workshop held on 24 March. Introduction of your country's culture such as costumes, dances and musical instruments is highly welcomed. You can also experience Japanese music and culture through activities.

Remarks

For Your Health

A first-aid room will be provided within the hall. Please ask the staff when you need it. Also you can use the following hospitals.

- a. General hospital - Fukushima Red Cross Hospital
Address: 11-31 Iriemachi, Fukushima City, Fukushima Prefecture z/c 960-8530
TEL: 024-534-6101
- b. Night-time emergency clinic - Fukushima City Health & Welfare Center
Address: 10-1 Moriainmachi, Fukushima City, Fukushima Prefecture z/c 960-8003
TEL: 024-525-7672

Emergency

The organizer will pay strict attention to earthquake for visitors' safety and decide to stop the performance and evacuate the stage promptly, should it be required.

In the case that the performance is interrupted by an earthquake, the choir will be guaranteed to perform again. The order of performance will be determined by the organizer.

The "city" of Fukushima is in the mid area of the "prefecture" of Fukushima, and Fukushima Music Hall is more than 60km away from the Fukushima Daiichi Plant. There is no restriction advised for Fukushima city. Our monitoring also shows radiation doses in the hall is same as the natural level

Disclaimer

The organizer will insure (facility liability insurance, injury insurance) for participants in the competition and visitors. If you get injured within the hall, please notify the staff about your injury. The organizer will not be responsible for any damage for which the insurance does not cover.

Miscellaneous

- a. Please follow the staff's instructions within the hall.
- b. In the hall, please refrain from leaving, entering or moving during the time of performance.
- c. Recording, video taping or photo taking by any person other than the authorized companies will not be allowed, even the performance of his/her own choir.
- d. Please turn off the alarm watch or a cell phone in the hall. Also, we would like you to remove items that make sounds, such as key holders, in advance.
- e. Please do not put luggage on the audience seats. If you keep luggage for a long time, the staff may take it out.
- f. Please do not leave rubbish in the hall.
- g. For the prevention of infectious diseases like flu, please keep in mind preventive measures, such as coughing into a handkerchief, tissue papers or careful hand washing.
- h. Voice training around the hall will be prohibited because of the close proximity of surrounding houses.

Contact

- a. For travel and registration

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- b. For competition

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