
The 8th Fukushima Vocal Ensemble Competition 2015

Registration Information

Registration Forms

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

- A. Registration Forms
 - a. Registration Form 1 - General Information
 - b. Registration Form 2 - Participants
 - c. Registration Form 3 - Stage Arrangement
 - d. Registration Form 4 - Payment
 - e. Bank cheque or proof of bank transfer covering the participation fee
(only if you select bank transfer)

B. E-mail : seigaku_ensemble@th.jtb.jp

C. Deadline: December 15, 2014

* Please note that we will not accept any change in the description of the registration forms after the deadline. 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.

Registration Fee

Please pay the Participation Fee by credit card or bank transfer.

A. Participation Fee JPY20,000

B. Payment Method

- a. Credit Card (VISA, Master, American Express, Diners, JCB)
Please indicate your card numbers in "Registration Form 4."

- b. Bank Transfer

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

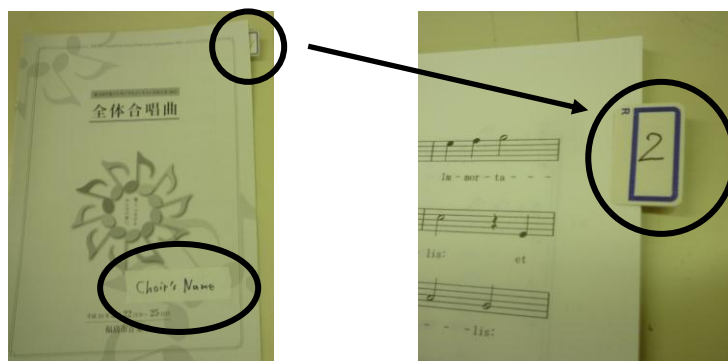
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Musical Scores

- a. Please submit 7 original scores for the category competition by January 15, 2016.

* 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.

Financial Assistance

A. Accommodation

- a. You will receive financial assistance of MAX JPY7,000 per night for 3 nights from March 20 to March 22 for each choir member (up to 18 persons), including the accompanist and the conductor. To obtain assistance, you need to perform at Friendship Concert / Welcome Party and Workshop as well as the competition.

- b. The amount of assistance will be deducted from your travel package fees. Please see the section of Travel Package (Performers) in Registration Form 4 - Payment.

B. Airfare

- a. Only the qualified choirs from further locations will receive financial assistance of MAX JPY60,000/person for each choir member (up to 18 persons), including the accompanist and the conductor (up to JPY500,000/choir). We are sorry but the fund is limited, and not all the participating choirs will be able to receive the assistance.

- b. Eligible choirs will be notified in the letter of qualification. Please see the section of "C. Financial Assistance, b. Airfare." Also, the performances at Friendship Concert etc. are needed, same as the accommodation assistance.

- c. To obtain the payment, please submit airline e-tickets or boarding pass stubs as well as their receipts for all the participants at a travel desk in the venue. We will transfer the money to your bank shown in Registration Form 4 after the competition. Please be noted that any payment in advance will not be accepted.

Visa Application

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 fully-completed registration forms and full payment.

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 travel package fee including admission ticket fees. The tickets will be provided to you at the reception desk in the venue.

Please note that all seats are unreserved. No one under 4 years old is admitted.

Schedule in Fukushima

Your Tentative Schedule

Date	Plan
March 20	a. Lunch b. Rehearsal c. Hall Visit d. Dinner
March 21	a. Breakfast b. Rehearsal c. Lunch d. Competition e. Award Ceremony f. Meeting g. Dinner
March 22	a. Breakfast b. (Rehearsal) c. (Grand Champion Competition) d. Lunch e. (Friendship Concert) f. (Award Ceremony) g. Welcome Party

March 23

a. Breakfast
b. Workshop(Lunch) (10:00am - 1:30pm)

*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 17, and announce the result on the web site at the end of February. 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 I The 3rd ranked choir
 - 2 Category II The 3rd ranked choir
 - 3 Category III The 3rd ranked choir
 - 4 Category III The 5th ranked choir
 - 5 Category II The 4th ranked choir
 - 6 Category III The 2nd ranked choir
 - 7 Category II The 2nd ranked choir
 - 8 Category I The 2nd ranked choir
 - 9 Category I The 1st ranked choir
 - 10 Category III The 4th ranked choir
 - 11 Category I The 4th ranked choir
 - 12 Category I The 5th ranked choir
 - 13 Category II The 5th ranked choir
 - 14 Category II The 1st ranked choir
 - 15 Category III The 1st ranked choir
- *7 Category III / Group 1 The 6th ranked choir (if any)

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.

The cultural workshops will be held on March 23 to promote friendship and develop choral skills. We definitely would like you to prepare folklore or traditional songs for the workshop. 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. In the hall, please refrain from leaving, entering or moving during the time of performance.
- b. Recording, videotaping or photo taking by any person other than the authorized companies will not be allowed, even the performance of his/her own choir.
- c. 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.
- d. Voice training around the hall will be prohibited because of the close proximity of surrounding houses.
- 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. 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.

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