



Conditions of Participation

Preliminary Japan-based choirs

Screening

Applicants have to be recommended by the choral association of each prefecture or approved by the organiser through the preliminary screening. Some choirs could be qualified on the recommendation of the organiser.

Overseas choirs

Applicants have to be approved through the preliminary screening conducted separately prior to the one for Japan-based choirs. 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 2023.
 - *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 10 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: 31 October 2023

*The result of the preliminary screening will be announced by November 30, 2023 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. 15 December 2023 / c. 12 January 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 Japan-based choirs

Fee

Ticket fees will be charged when the choirs participate as an audience. The costs for CDs, DVDs and photos will be announced separately later.

Overseas Choirs

For participation in the competition, a non-refundable participation fee of JPY 20,000 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 20,000 per choir covers;

- a. Free entry 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: 15 December 2023

Accommodation / Japan-based choirs

Meals / Transport

The participating choirs will be responsible for their travel and accommodation costs. The general travel services could be provided by the travel agency authorised by the organiser.

Overseas choirs

The participating choirs will be responsible for their own costs of travel and accommodation. The organiser provides the following package.

*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 30,000	JPY 10,000
2	Deluxe Hotel	Twin	JPY 33,000	JPY 11,000
3		Single	JPY 39,000	JPY 13,000

This package includes:

- a. Accommodation for 3 nights, 22-25 March (check-out)
- b. 10 Meals
3 × breakfast, 4 × lunch, 3 × dinner (from lunch on 22 March to lunch on 25 March)

Payment Methods:

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

Deadline: 15 January 2024

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.

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