

2021 "Worldwide Uchinā Network Enhancement Promotion" Okinawa Performing Arts
Instructor Dispatch Program Application Guidelines

1. About the "World Uchinā Network Enhancement Promotion" Okinawa Performing Arts Instructor Dispatch Program

The program aims to support overseas Kenjinkai who will be holding events related to "World Uchinānchu Day" by dispatching instructors from the diverse and beautiful world of Okinawan performing arts. By offering a support system, Okinawa Prefecture hopes to better promote Okinawa's appeal as well as perpetuate, develop, and strengthen relationships with overseas Kenjinkais.

2. Purpose

- 1) Establishment and raising awareness of "World Uchinānchu Day" (event-related support)
- 2) Expansion of cultural initiatives as related to overseas Kenjinkai and the Uchinā Network
- 3) Fostering interest in Okinawan culture within overseas Kenjinkai members and related persons, especially among the younger generation

3. Program Content

Okinawan performing arts instructors are dispatched in accordance with a "World Uchinānchu Day Commemorative Event" organized on or around October 30th, 2021 "World Uchinānchu Day " by an overseas Kenjinkai in order to foster a connection between said Kenjinkai and Okinawa, and provide a foundation for the Kenjinkai to continue to organize similar such events.

In 2021, due to the uncertain status of the COVID-19, remote instruction will be provided instead of dispatching instructors.

- 1) Instruction period: approximately 10 days (will vary based on budget constraints and instruction method)
- 2) Genres of instructors: Eisa, Sanshin, Ryukyuan dance, etc.
- 3) Number of instructors: 1 to 2 (will vary by budget constraints)
- 4) Details: in addition to performing arts instruction, performing together at the events, participation in events proposed by overseas Kenjinkai is also considered (Example: In an online event, play videos of performances and dancing of performing arts instructors created for the event.)
- 5) Method of Instruction: Utilize video streaming, web conference systems (ZOOM, etc.), and other formats based on the requests of the overseas Kenjinkai

4. Application Requirements

- 1) Candidates

Kenjinkais registered with Okinawa Prefecture

- 2) Eligibility requirements

- ① Will be hosting a commemorative event for "World Uchinānchu Day" on or around October 30, 2021.
 - ※ Expenses related to hosting this event will be the responsibility of the Kenjinkai.
 - ※ In the event that people are unable to gather due to the COVID-19, events should still be held online or by some other means.
- ② Has an intention to perpetuate and expand the Uchinā Network to the next generation, as well as to regularly hold "World Uchinānchu Day" events to aid in its establishment.
- ③ The Kenjinkai can assign a point-of-contact/coordinator that is capable of communicating with the Okinawa prefecture government (OPG) and any subcontracted companies in Japanese.
- ④ The full consensus of the Kenjinkai is given, with the necessary structure in order participate in the program.
- ⑤ Necessary equipment to receive instruction (Taiko, Sanshin, outfits, etc.) can be arranged by the Kenjinkai.
- ⑥ Can communicate and work together with the instructor chosen by OPG.
- ⑦ Can agree to any other stipulations requested by OPG.
- ⑧ Will not use the event for any religious, political, or business purposes.

5. Expenses covered by Okinawa Prefecture

- 1) Honorarium for instructor
- 2) Video production costs for remote instruction

6. Responsibilities of Kenjinkai

- 1) Arrangement of equipment and location for remote instruction, maintenance of the network environment, etc.
- 2) Contacting and information sharing with target persons
- 3) Provision of videos, photographs, etc. of the "World Uchinānchu Day Commemorative Event" hosted by the overseas Kenjinkai to OPG or to individuals appointed by OPG.
(Will be used in reports prepared by OPG and posted on the website.)
- 4) Other matters regarding conducting instruction

7. Requirements for application

- 1) Required forms
 - ① Application Form (form provided)
 - ② "World Uchinānchu Day Commemorative Event Proposal Form (form provided)
 - ※ If you are planning to hold a group event, please submit a proposal for an alternative plan (free format) in case you cannot hold the event.
 - ③ Statement of Reasons (free format)
 - ※ Please list reasons for requesting and importance of an instructor dispatch, reasons and thoughts for organizing "World Uchinānchu Day" event, etc.
- 2) Application deadline
 - Must arrive by 17:00 (Japan time) April 26 (Mon), 2021

3) Contact information for submission

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4) Submission method

Please send the required forms by either e-mail

8. Screening schedule

Notification of acceptance results: Early May 2021

9. Considerations regarding application

- 1) This program is conducted by a subsidy provided by the central government, but is accepting applications before it is granted. Should the government subsidy not be approved for 2021, there is a possibility that this program cannot be conducted. Please be aware of the possibility when applying.
- 2) Should your Kenjinkai be accepted, the organization name, representative's name, event details, and other information will be used in OPG's program report, statistical data, and website, as well as provided to media organizations and other groups. Please inform persons related to the program and event regarding the handling and consent of such information.
- 3) OPG may ask for the Kenjinkai to participate in a follow-up survey after the program has ended.