**2019 “World Uchina Network Enhancement Promotion” Okinawa Performing Arts Instructor Dispatch Program Application Requirements**

**1. About the“World Uchina Network Enhancement Promotion” Okinawa Performing Arts Instructor Dispatch Program**

The program aims to support overseas kenjinkais who will be holding events related to World Uchinanchu 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 Uchinanchu Day (event-related support)

2) Expansion of cultural initiatives as related to overseas kenjinkai and the Uchina 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 Uchinanchu Day event organized on or around October 30th, 2019 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.

1) Dispatch period: approximately 7 days

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, workshops at local schools, performing together at the event, etc. are also considered

**4. Application Requirements**

1) Candidates

　Kenjinkais registered with Okinawa Prefecture

2) Eligibility requirements

　①Will be hosting a commemorative event for World Uchinanchu Day on or around October 30, 2019.

※Expenses related to hosting this event will be the responsibility of the kenjinkai.

　②Has an intention to perpetuate and expand the Uchina Network to the next generation, as well as to regularly hold World Uchinanchu Day events to aid in its establishment.

　③The kenjinkai can assign a point-of-contact/coordinator that is capable of communicating with Okinawa Prefecture and any subcontracted companies in Japanese.

　④The full consensus of the kenjinkai is given, with the necessary structure in order participate in the program.

　⑤Necessary equipment to receive instruction (taiko, sanshin, outfits, etc.) can be arranged by the kenjinkai.

　⑥Can communicate and work together with the instructor chosen by OPG.

　⑦Can agree to any other stipulations requested by OPG.

　⑧Will not use the event for any religious, political, or business purposes.

**5. Expenses covered by Okinawa Prefecture**

　1) Travel expenses for instructor(s)

(airline tickets, accommodation, local travel, visas, travel insurance, and other costs incurred in processing)

　2) Honorarium for instructor

　3) Shipping fees for equipment the instructor(s) require for instruction

　4) Expenses for booking a practice space for instruction

**6. Responsibilities of kenjinkai**

　1) Organizing local transportation

　2) Choosing and booking a location for instruction

　3) Contacting and gathering participants

　4) Support in the event of an emergency

　5) Other matters regarding conducting instruction

**7. Requirements for application**

　1) Required forms

①Application form (form provided)

　　②World Uchinanchu Day event proposal

　　③Statement of reasons

　　　※Please list reasons for requesting and importance of an instructor dispatch, reasons and thoughts for organizing World Uchinanchu Day event, etc.

　2) Application deadline

　　Must arrive by 17:00 (Japan time) March 15 (Fri), 2019

　3) Contact information for submission

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　4) Submission method

　　Please send the required forms by either e-mail or fax. Mailed applications are also accepted.

　**8. Screening schedule**

　　Initial screening results: Early April 2019

　　Acceptance results: Late May 2019

**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 2019, 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.