**2024 “Worldwide Uchina Network Enhancement Promotion" Okinawa Performing Arts Instructor Dispatch Program Application Guidelines**

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

　The program aims to support overseas Kenjinkai 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 Kenjinkai.

**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) Foster interest in Okinawan culture within overseas Kenjinkai members and related persons, especially among the younger generation

**3. Program Content**

　On and around October 30, 2024, Okinawan performing arts instructors will be dispatched in accordance with a "World Uchinanchu Day Commemorative Event" that is organized by an overseas Kenjinkai. Through the dispatch, Okinawa prefecture will foster a bond between said Kenjinkai and Okinawa and support the overseas Kenjinkai so that the Kenjinkai will be able to take initiative and continuously hold "World Uchinanchu Day" events.

However, please note that the instruction period and the number of instructors may be changed depending on the 2024 budget.

1. Instruction period: approximately 7 days combining remote instruction and on-site instruction.

２）Genres of instructors: Eisa, Sanshin, Ryukyuan dance, Shishi-mai(lion dance), etc. (\*)
 (\*)Please refer to the “９．Considerations regarding application”

1. Number of host countries: approximately 3 countries
2. Number of instructors: 1 to 2 for each country

５）Details: Cultural and performing arts instruction as requested by overseas Kenjinkai
(Performing together at an event, etc. need to be consulted separately)

６）Method of instruction: ① Remote instruction or video streaming ② On-site instruction (Combined instruction is possible)

**４．Application Requirements**

１）Candidates

　Kenjinkai registered with Okinawa Prefecture

２）Eligibility requirements

　①Will be hosting a commemorative event for World Uchinanchu Day on or around October 30, 2024.

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

　② Has 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.

　③ The Kenjinkai can assign a point-of-contact/coordinator that is capable of communicating with the Okinawa prefectural government (OPG) and any subcontracted companies in Japanese.

　④ The full consensus of the Kenjinkai is given, with the necessary structure in order to 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）Travel expenses for instructor(s)

(airline tickets, accommodation(\*), local travel(\*), visas, travel insurance, and other costs incurred in processing)
(\*)Please refer to the “９．Considerations regarding application**”**

1. Honorarium for instructor(s)(\*)
(\*)Please refer to the “９．Considerations regarding application**”**

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

　４）Expenses for booking a practice space for instruction（will be partially paid, up to a maximum amount）

　５）Other expenses that OPG deems necessary

**６．Responsibilities of Kenjinkai**

　○ In the case of dispatch

　１）Support organizing local transportation

　２）Choosing and booking a practice space for instruction

　３）Contact and information sharing with target persons

　４）Support in the event of an emergency

　５）Other matters regarding conducting instruction

　○ In the case of remote instruction

　１）Arrangement of equipment and location for remote instruction, maintenance of the network environment, etc.

　２）Contact and information sharing with target persons

３）Provision of videos and photos of a "World Uchinanchu Day Commemorative Event" that is organized by the Kenjinkai to Okinawa prefecture or persons designated by the prefecture. (provided materials will be used in a report by the prefecture, website posting, etc.)

　４）Other matters regarding conducting instruction

**７．Requirements for application**

　１）Required forms

①Application Form (form provided)

　　②Event Plan（if you have）

　２）Application deadline

Must arrive by 5pm Friday, April 12, 2024 (Japan time)

　３）Contact information for submission

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　４）Submission method

　　Please send the required forms by e-mail

　**８．Screening schedule**

1. Application deadline : Friday, April 12, 2024
2. Screening : Late April 2024
3. Notification of acceptance results: Early May 2024
4. Coordination of instruction details: After mid-June 2024
\*Instruction details are expected to be coordinated after mid-June when the subcontractors for this program are selected.

**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 2024, there is a possibility that this program cannot be conducted. In addition, the program contents may be subject to be changed due to COVID-19, etc. Please be aware of the possibility when applying.

２）Accommodation during the on-site instruction is expected to be at home of a Kenjinkai member (including meals at home). In addition, if possible, please pick instructor(s) up at a nearby airport and provide rides between the homes the instructor(s) are staying at and the practice spaces, etc. Expenses for those above will be individually coordinated after acceptance.

３）OPG does not provide support for an event hosted by the Kenjinkai (personnel expenses, venue fee, promotion and advertising expenses, travel expenses, honorariums, etc.). However, it is possible to consult about program of the event or direction of the event after acceptance. In addition, whether instructor(s) will be able to perform at the event or not need to be consulted separately.

４）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.

５）OPG will ask for the Kenjinkai to participate in a follow-up survey after the instruction has ended. We would appreciate your cooperation.

６）Please feel free to contact OPG if you would like to receive instruction in other genres than those listed, or if you have inquiries that require coordination, etc. We also accept individual consultation prior to applying for this program.