**2025 “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 hosting 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 showcase the charm of Okinawa while fostering the preservation, growth, and strengthening of ties 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 among overseas Kenjinkai members and related groups, with a particular focus on engaging the younger generation

**3. Program Content**

On and around October 30th, 2025, Okinawan performing arts instructors will be dispatched to support a "World Uchinanchu Day Commemorative Event" organized by an overseas Kenjinkai. Through the dispatch program, Okinawa prefecture aims to strengthen the ties with the Kenjinkai and support the overseas Kenjinkai to independently and consistently host "World Uchinanchu Day" events in the future.

However, please note that the duration of instruction and the number of instructors may vary depending on the 2025 budget.

1. Duration of instruction: approximately 7 days combining remote instruction and on-site instruction.

２）Type of instructors: Eisa, Sanshin, Ryukyuan dance, Shishi-mai (lion dance) and 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）Activity details: Cultural and performing arts instruction as requested by overseas Kenjinkai
(Performing together at an event and other activities will require separate consultation)

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

**４．Application Requirements**

１）Candidates

　Kenjinkai officially registered with Okinawa Prefecture

２）Eligibility requirements

　① The Kenjinkai will be hosting a commemorative event for “World Uchinanchu Day” on or around October 30, 2025.

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

　② The Kenjinkai has the intention to preserve and expand the Uchina Network to the next generation, while regularly organizing "World Uchinanchu Day" events to help establish its foundation.

　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 The Kenjinkai can arrange the necessary equipment for instruction, including Taiko, Sanshin, outfits and other related items.

　⑥ The Kenjinkai can smoothly communicate and work together with the instructor and coordinator chosen by OPG.

　⑦ The Kenjinkai can agree to any other stipulations requested by OPG.

　⑧ The Kenjinkai 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 transportation fees\*, visas, travel insurance and other costs incurred in processing)
\*Please refer to the “9. Considerations regarding Application**”**

1. Honorarium for instructor(s)\*
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　３）Shipping costs for equipment required by the instructor(s) for instruction

　４）Expenses for booking a practice space for instruction (partially covered, up to a specific maximum amount)

　５）Other expenses that OPG deems necessary

**６．Responsibilities of Kenjinkai**

　○ In the case of dispatch

　１）Assist in organizing local transportation

　２）Choosing and booking a practice space for instruction

　３）Contact and sharing information 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 sharing information with target persons

 ３）Provision of videos and photos of the "World Uchinanchu Day Commemorative Event" organized by the Kenjinkai to Okinawa prefecture or a designated representative. These materials may be used for Prefectural reports, posting on the official website, and other Prefectural initiatives.

　４）Other matters regarding conducting instruction

**７．Requirements for Application**

　１）Required forms

① Application Form (form provided)

　　② Event Plan (if applicable)

　２）Application deadline

Must arrive by 5pm Friday, April 18, 2025 (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 18, 2025
2. First Screening (application) : Late April 2025
3. Second Screening (online interview) : Early May 2025
4. Notification of application results : Late May 2025
5. Coordination of instruction details : After mid-June 2025

\*Instruction arrangements and details will be coordinated after mid-June, following the selection of subcontractors for this program.

**９．Considerations regarding Application**

１）This program is funded through a subsidy provided by the central government of Japan; however, applications are being accepted before its approval. If the government subsidy is not approved for 2025, there is a possibility that this program may not be implemented. In addition, if there is a large number of applicants, online interviews (screening) will be conducted to determine the dispatch destination.

２）Accommodation during the on-site instruction will, as much as possible, be homestays at the residences of Kenjinkai members, including meals at their homes. In addition, if possible, please arrange for transportation for the instructor(s), such as airport pickup and rides between their accommodations and practice spaces. Any expenses incurred for these activities will be compensated through an honorarium; details will be adjusted individually after acceptance.

３）OPG will not provide financial support for the event organized by the Kenjinkai, including labor costs, venue fee, promotion and advertising expenses, travel expenses, honorariums, etc. However, consultation on event structure or direction can be provided after acceptance. Additionally, whether instructor(s) can perform at the event will require separate consultation.

４）If your application is accepted, the organization name, representative’s name, event details, and other information will be included in OPG’s program report, statistical data, and website, and may also be shared with media organizations and other groups. Please inform all individuals involved in the program and event regarding the handling of these information and obtain their consent.

５）OPG will request the Kenjinkai’s participation in a follow-up survey after the Dispatch Program. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

６）If you are interested in receiving instruction in genres not listed, or if you have inquiries that require coordination, please do not hesitate to contact OPG. We also offer individual consultations before applying for this program.