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1. OUTLINE

This program provides grants to cover partial expenses to implement the following types of projects:

Category A: Projects concerning Japan (Arts and Culture/Japanese Studies)

International cultural exchange to promote deeper understanding of Japan including projects to enhance Japanese studies in Thailand.

Category B: Promotion of Cultural Collaboration

Projects implemented by specialists/specialized organizations in the field of arts and culture, sports or intellectual exchange in Asia which aims to conduct collaborative projects, aiming to foster an awareness of empathy and coexistence among the people of Asia, including Japan, through collaboration.

Category C: People-to-People Exchange

Exchange projects implemented by organizations at grassroots or regional levels, aiming to expand the base for cultural exchange and to promote understanding and friendship among the people in Asia.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITIES

(1) Qualifying Projects

Category A: Projects concerning Japan (Arts and Culture/Japanese Studies)

International art and cultural exchange events implemented in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar such as art exhibitions, performing arts or film screenings to promote deeper understanding of Japanese arts and culture among the people in Thailand and this region. This category also includes projects to enhance Japanese studies in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar such as joint-research, conferences, seminars and intensive courses.

Category B: Promotion of Cultural Collaboration

Collaborative projects in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar such as co-production and joint research, and projects to disseminate the results of these collaborative projects, implemented mainly by specialists/specialized organizations in the field of arts, sports or intellectual exchange in Thailand or/and Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar (E.g. art exhibitions, stage and performing arts, international conferences and workshops). Bilateral collaborative projects as well as multilateral projects that involve countries other than the target areas are also eligible.

Category C: People-to-People Exchange

Exchange projects at grassroots or regional levels which are implemented in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. Both bilateral exchange projects and multilateral exchange projects are eligible.

(2) Priorities

- a) Promotion of deeper understanding of Japanese arts and culture among the people of Thailand and this region
- b) Joint-research and conferences whose results will be published



- c) International cooperative projects that are to be conducted between two or more institutions, or that will enhance the networking of the Japanese studies institutions/researchers in this region (especially for Category A)
- d) Elements of collaboration and cooperation that cross national boundaries
- e) Potential for development into new projects
- f) Innovative approaches or pioneering elements in the themes and contents
- g) Outcomes that have a lasting significance within a relevant field, rather than being a one-off event (especially for Category B)
- h) Expansion of the basis of grassroots and regional exchange (especially for Category C)
- i) Contribution in developing a foundation for international cultural exchange by nurturing those who can take the lead in international cultural exchange among Asian countries, and building networks between Japan and Asia (especially for Category C)

(3) Eligibility

- a) Applicants should be non-profit organizations (e.g. universities, research institutes and academic associations, NGO/NPOs) located in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos or Myanmar.
- b) In principle, the project should be carried out in the country where the Applicant is based.
- c) Applicants should carry out the project as an institution and should cover a part of the cost.
- d) The project should be implemented and completed within a Japanese fiscal year (from April 1 to March 31 the following year).
**If the need for the project is acknowledged, plans that continue over a year are also eligible for the program but at a maximum of three years. Applications must be submitted and screened every year.*
- e) Applicants must have a bank account capable of accepting grants from the Japan Foundation, Bangkok. A bank account may also be opened before remittance.

(4) Non-eligibility

- a) Applications from individuals or for-profit organizations are not accepted.
- b) In principle, organizations that have continually received support from the same program for the past three fiscal years are not eligible to submit applications for the fourth fiscal year. This is a measure to avoid giving ongoing support to the same applicants and to distribute grants to as many applicants as possible.
- c) The following projects are not eligible:
 - Projects dealing solely with topics in the field of natural science
 - Commercial activities, missionary activities, political activities and election campaigns
 - Activities in support of specific doctrines or claims
 - Capital fund and endowment drives, debt reduction, donations, public relations campaigns, advertising, creation or support of awards or grants
 - Purchase of land
 - Design, construction or maintenance of buildings or monuments
 - Projects that focus on developing weapons and military technology
 - Procurement of equipment



3. GRANT COVERAGE

- (1) Grants will be given on a cost-sharing basis.
- (2) The Japan Foundation, Bangkok's contribution will not exceed the following amount:
 - for Category A: 50,000 Baht
 - for Category B and C: 100,000 Baht

Even when the application is approved, this does not mean that all the requested amount of money will be provided.
- (3) The contribution of the Japan Foundation, Bangkok is limited to the expenses actually paid on the following budgetary items during the period of the grant:
 - Transportation: international airfares, domestic transportation expenses
 - Honoraria/wages (for the performers, researchers, collaborators, guest speakers, guest lecturers, assistants, interpreters)
 - Accommodation expenses
 - Purchase of research materials
 - Production of catalogs, brochures, leaflets, proceedings and reports
 - Rental fees for venue and equipment
- (4) **The Japan Foundation, Bangkok's grant cannot be used for the following items:**
 - Salaries and social welfare expenses for the regular employees of the applying institution
 - Banquet, reception and entertainment fees e.g. coffee break, lunch, catering expenses etc.
 - Telephone, fax and postage costs
 - Office supplies

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

- (1) Applications should be submitted to the Japan Foundation, Bangkok.
Please submit the original set of application documents to the following address.
Submission by e-mail or fax is not acceptable.

<p>Attention: Small Grant Program for Arts and Culture The Japan Foundation, Bangkok 10th Fl. Serm-Mit Tower, 159 Sukhumvit 21 Rd., Bangkok 10110, THAILAND Tel: (662) 260-8560 Fax: (662) 260-8565</p>

- (2) Applications must arrive no later than the following deadlines, depending on the commencing time of the project.
 - [First round]: February 10 (For projects that start after April 15.)
 - [Second round]: May 10 (For projects that start after July 1.)
 - [Third round]: August 10 (For projects that start after October 1.)
 - [Fourth round]: November 10 (For projects that start after January 1.)

*If the date of the deadline falls on a holiday including Saturday and Sunday, the following weekday will be the deadline.
- (3) Attachment of additional documents about applicants and the details of projects are highly recommended for our consideration process (E.g. institution profile, artist profile, collaborating or supporting organization profile, budget plan, PR plan, etc.).



5. NOTIFICATION OF THE GRANT DECISION

[First round]

Applicants will be notified of the screening results by early April by the Japan Foundation, Bangkok.

[Second, Third and Fourth round]

Applicants will be notified of the screening results by the end of the month of submission by the Japan Foundation, Bangkok.

6. PROCESS OF EXECUTION

- (1) When the grant approval is awarded, the amount of the grant will be paid in accordance with the Notice of Grant Approval and the Terms and Conditions of Grant.
- (2) The grantee will be asked to provide a brief of project details and press release (preferably in Thai) for our promotional process as well as to send us PR materials for the approval of our logo usage.
- (3) The grantee will be asked to submit the Final Report about the activities and summary of expenditures, etc. within one month after the project has been completed.
- (4) The amount of the grant will be subject to final adjustment upon review of the Final Report mentioned in Article (3) above.

7. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

- (1) As to projects we support, information such as the name of the applicant and project descriptions might be made public in the Japan Foundation's public relations materials.
- (2) When we receive a request for information based on the "Law Concerning the Disclosure of Information Held by Independent Administrative Institutions, etc." (Law No. 140 of December 5, 2001), as a general rule, submitted application forms and related materials will be disclosed, except for information stipulated by the law as something not to be disclosed.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

Consultation in advance is available upon request.
Please feel free to call or e-mail us for further information.

The Japan Foundation, Bangkok / Email: smallgrant@jfbkk.or.th
TEL 02 260 8560-3

The format of the application form can be obtained from the website below.
<http://www.jfbkk.or.th/grant.php>