

Implementation Guidelines for the Karate Tourism Development Project "Hospitality Support Program"

(Purpose)

Article 1. Okinawa Dento Karatedo Shinkokai (hereinafter referred to as "Shinkokai"), a legally registered general incorporated association, shall promote "Karate Tourism" by utilizing Okinawa Karate as a cultural tourism resource, and in order to establish and strengthen a system for accommodating karate enthusiasts and tourists from Japan and overseas, the Shinkokai shall implement a "Hospitality Support Program" to serve groups of 10 or more tourists visiting the prefecture for karate-related purposes and shall outline the necessary provisions regarding such support.

(Definition)

Article 2. The term "visiting the prefecture for karate-related purposes," as used in this Implementation Guideline, shall refer to participation in karate-related events, tournaments, seminars, training sessions, and the sightseeing of associated historical sites, organized by karate-related organizations, dojos, and similar groups.

2. The term "groups of 10 or more tourists" refers to karate enthusiasts and their accompanying companions visiting the prefecture for karate-related purposes, excluding online participants, outsourced operating agents, tour attendants, or similar individuals.

3. The term "Hospitality Support Program" shall consist of three programs, wherein: (1) distribution of original novelty items, (2) dispatch of the original Okinawa Karate character "Rikutarō," and (3) dispatch of an Okinawa Karate interpreter guide. However, the support will be provided once per organization per fiscal year.

(Support Eligibility)

Article 3. The subject of eligibility for the Hospitality Support Programs, (hereinafter referred to as "eligible groups,") shall be groups of 10 or more tourists from outside Okinawa or from overseas who come to Okinawa for the purpose of Karate and who stay at accommodation facilities in Okinawa Prefecture.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, groups of 10 or more tourists meeting any of the following criteria shall not be eligible for the support program. However, exceptions may be granted in cases deemed particularly necessary following discussions with Okinawa Prefecture.

(1) Political or religious purposes.

(2) Subscription-type organized tours.

(3) Individuals sentenced to imprisonment or a more severe penalty until the completion of the sentence's execution, or until they are no longer subject to the execution of such a sentence.

(4) Members of organized crime groups as defined in Article 2, Item 6 of the Act on Prevention of Unjust Acts by Organized Crime Group Members (Act No. 77 of 1991), or those who have not been members of organized crime groups for more than five years since they left the group (hereinafter referred to as 'organized crime group members, etc.').

(5) Any entities or organizations under the control of members of Organized Crime Groups, etc.

(6) Those deemed to be antisocial forces.

(7) Any other items that are deemed inappropriate.

3. Submission documents for the support program shall be presented in either Japanese or English. However, this requirement does not apply proper nouns or similar terms.

4. The support program period shall commence from the opening of the application for the current fiscal year and shall close on January 31 of the same fiscal year.

(Details of Support Program)

Article 4. The specified support programs outlined below shall be provided, and eligible groups have the option to choose the support program they desire to receive. However, each organization is restricted to receiving each of the specified programs only once, subject to the allocated budgetary limitations.

(1) Distribution of original novelty items

(2) Dispatch of the original Okinawa Karate character "Rikutaro"

(3) Dispatch of an Okinawa Karate interpreter guide

2. The distribution of original novelty items is subject to availability and may not be guaranteed due to limited quantities. Additionally, shipping may be conducted via regular mail, depending on the location and specific circumstances.

3. In the event of overlapping requests for dispatching "Rikutaro," priority will be given to organizations with a higher number of child participants.

4. The availability of Okinawa Karate interpreter guide is limited, which may result in the inability to fulfill requests for certain dates. Furthermore, their services are exclusively arranged for karate-related itineraries, including guided tours of karate-related facilities and historical sites, as well as interpretation during karate practice sessions.

(Application for Support)

Article 5. The representative of an organization eligible for the support program must submit the following forms, Form No. 1 and Form No. 2 to the Director General of Shinkokai at least 30 days (including

Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) prior to the scheduled implementation date. This should be done by completing the application form on the Shinkokai website. Additionally, for the list of participants, Form No. 3, the Excel file must be downloaded from the Shinkokai website, thoroughly completed with the required information, and submitted via email.

(1) Hospitality Support Program Application Form (Form No. 1)

(2) Hospitality Support Program Arrangement Confirmation Form (Form No. 2)

(3) List of Participants (Form No. 3)

*The participant's name, date of birth, and lodging location within the prefecture must be listed, while for overseas participants, the departure country or residing location should be included, and for those outside Okinawa, the departure prefecture or residing location must be specified.

2. When the expenses pertaining to the said support program reach the budgeted amount, the acceptance of applications will be suspended even during the period of the support program, and the handling of such applications will be as follows.

(1) In principle, the suspension of acceptance shall occur on the date when the total of applications reaches the allocated budgeted amount. Only those applications submitted through the Shinkokai website by that specified suspension date, without discrepancies in the submission documents, will be deemed valid. Applications with deficiencies, including missing information, insufficient documents, or any discrepancies, will not be considered for acceptance.

(2) Before the cumulative applications reach the budgeted limit, a notification will be posted on the Shinkokai website ("Okinawa Dento Karatedo Shinkokai" <https://www.odks.jp/>)

(3) No inquiries in relation to the date of suspension of acceptance and the budget will be addressed

(Acceptance of Application)

Article 6. Upon receipt of an application, the Director General of Shinkokai will examine the application and accompanying documents, and if the application content is deemed appropriate, the Director General of Shinkokai shall notify the applicant in writing of its acceptance.

(Application Withdrawal)

Article 7. In the event that an eligible group intends to withdraw its application, the group must submit a Withdrawal Notification Form (Form No. 4) to the Director General of Shinkokai at least one week prior to the event using the designated withdrawal form available on the Shinkokai website.

(Amendment of Application)

Article 8. In case of any amendments to an application (Form No. 1), eligible groups seeking support must promptly submit a Notification of Amendment to Application Content (Form No. 5) to the Director General of Shinkokai using the designated Amendment of Application Content Form on the Shinkokai

website. Nonetheless, should there be an adjustment to the event date period, the amended support program will not be implemented exceed the permitted support program duration as stipulated in Article 3, Item 4.

(Submission of Questionnaire)

Article 9. As a general rule, eligible groups are requested to submit a questionnaire to the Director General of Shinkokai using the designated form on the Shinkokai website within 30 days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, following the conclusion of the support program.

(On-Site Surveys)

Article 10. Shinkokai shall conduct on-site surveys on an as-needed basis to evaluate the implementation of visits to the prefecture for the purpose of karate, as specified by the support program, and the eligible groups shall fully cooperate with such surveys.

(Cancellation of Support Program, etc.)

Article 11. The Director General of Shinkokai may cancel or amend, in whole or in part, the acceptance stipulated in Article 6 under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) In the event that the applicant violates any laws, regulations, guidelines, or directives issued by the Director General based thereon.
- (2) If the applicant engages in fraud, negligence, or any other inappropriate conduct in connection with the application.
- (3) If the applicant no longer meets the conditions of the support program as stipulated in Article 3 due to subsequent amendments in circumstances after the acceptance of the support program.

2. The Director General of Shinkokai may demand reimbursement of expenses incurred, in whole or in part, within a specified time limit if such expenses related to the implementation of the support program have already been accrued under circumstances of cancellation or amendment as outlined in the preceding paragraph, where in the event of cancellation of the visit to the prefecture for the purpose of karate due to the personal convenience of the support program eligible groups.

(Disclaimer of Liability)

Article 12. Shinkokai and Okinawa Prefecture shall not be involved in any disputes arising out of the implementation of the support program.

(Disclosure of Event Information)

Article 13. Shinkokai and Okinawa Prefecture may disclose portions of the summaries, such as the event name, sponsoring organization's name, duration, location, number of participants, and related details, for events and conventions organized or attended by eligible groups as outcomes of the Hospitality Support

Program.

(Management of Personal Information)

Article 14. Personal information acquired will be utilized solely within the scope of the support program.

(Miscellaneous)

Article 15. Any matters not stipulated in this guideline shall be decided by discussion with Okinawa Prefecture and Shinkokai.

Appendix

This guideline shall enter into effect on June 17, 2024.

If there is any discrepancy between the original text (Japanese) and the translated text, the original text (Japanese) takes precedence.

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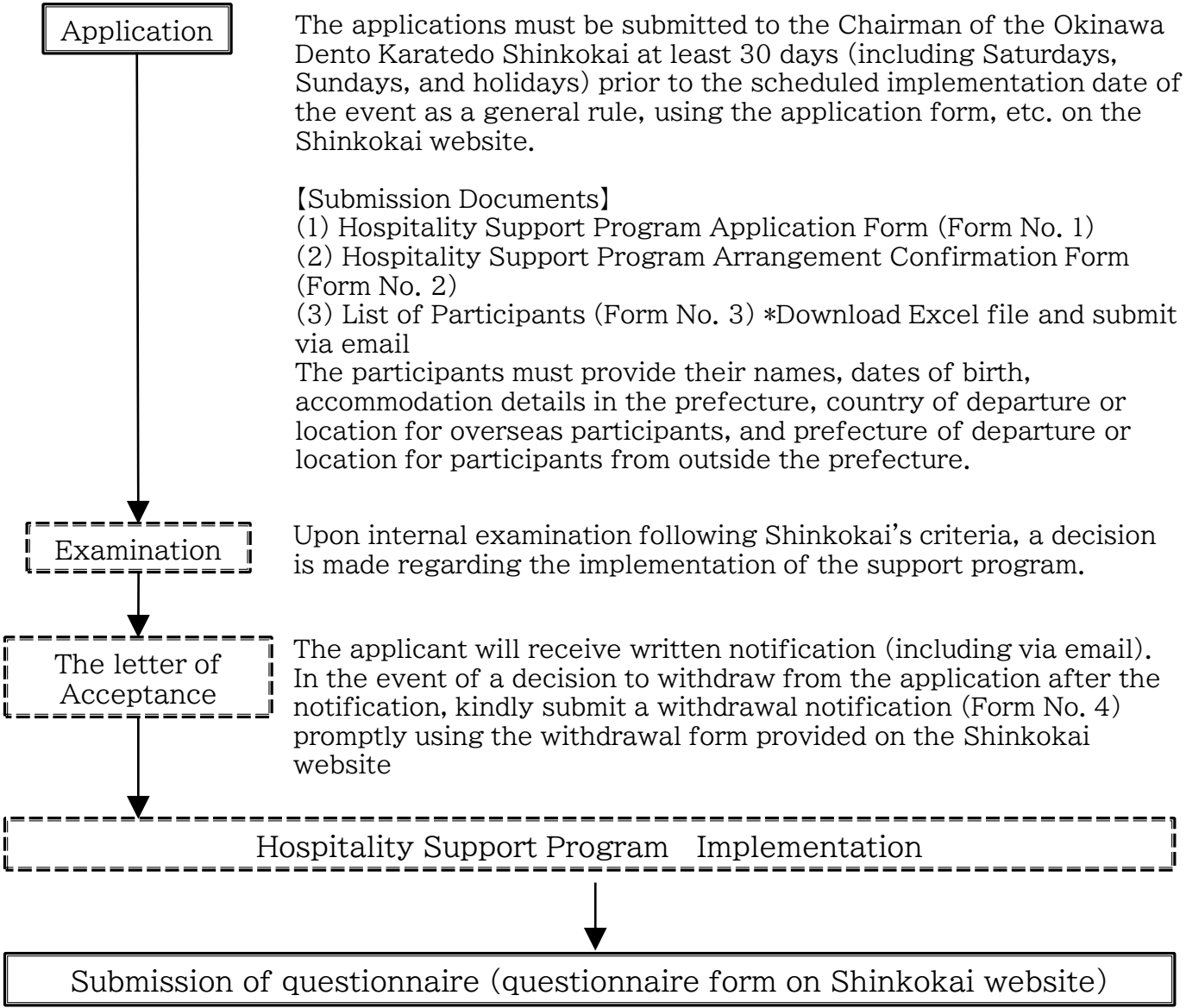
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Procedures of the Karate Tourism Development Project "Hospitality Support Program"

【Period of implementation】

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