

## Implementation Guidelines for the FY 2025 Karate Tourism Hospitality Support Program under the Karate Tourism Infrastructure Development Project

### (Purpose)

#### Article 1:

The Okinawa Traditional Karate Promotion Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") has been commissioned by Okinawa Prefecture to implement the Karate Tourism Infrastructure Development Project. As part of efforts to promote "Karate Tourism," which utilizes Okinawan Karate as a cultural tourism resource, the Association shall provide "Hospitality Support" for travelers visiting Okinawa for the purpose of Karate. This support aims to develop and strengthen the reception system for Karate enthusiasts and tourists from both Japan and abroad. These guidelines stipulate the necessary matters related to 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 "travelers" refers to karate enthusiasts visiting Okinawa for karate-related purposes and their accompanying companions. It does not include online participants, outsourced administrative staff, tour conductors, or similar personnel.

3. "Hospitality Support" refers to the following types of support, from which eligible recipients (hereinafter referred to as "support recipients") may select according to their preferences:

- ① Provision of original novelty goods
- ② Dispatch of the official Okinawa Karate character "Rikutaro"
- ③ Dispatch of Okinawa Karate interpreter guides
- ④ Distribution of admission tickets to the Okinawa Karate Kaikan Resource Room

### (Eligible Recipients of Support)

#### Article 3:

Eligible recipients of support shall be travelers visiting Okinawa from outside the prefecture or from overseas for karate-related purposes, as well as individuals or organizations that organize or lead such trips, provided that they stay at accommodations within Okinawa Prefecture.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, groups that include any of the following individuals shall not be eligible for support. However, exceptions may be made if deemed particularly

necessary through consultation with Okinawa Prefecture.

- (1) Individuals or groups with political or religious objectives
- (2) Participants in organized package tours
- (3) Individuals who have been sentenced to imprisonment or more severe punishment and are either currently serving their sentence or have not yet been released from such obligation
- (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 individuals who have not yet passed five years since disassociation from such groups (hereinafter referred to as "organized crime group affiliates")
- (5) Corporations or organizations under the control of organized crime group affiliates
- (6) Individuals or entities deemed to be part of antisocial forces
- (7) Any other individuals or groups 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 30 of the same fiscal year.

(Details of Support)

Article 4:

The support provided shall be as specified in Article 2, Paragraph 3, and shall be implemented within the limits of the available budget. In principle, support shall be provided only once per support recipient within the fiscal year. However, with regard to item ③ (Dispatch of Okinawa Karate interpreter guides), multiple-day dispatch may be considered depending on the scale of the event for which the application is submitted.

2. The provision of original novelty goods may be unavailable due to limited quantities. Additionally, depending on the location and circumstances, the items may be delivered by mail.

3. The dispatch of Rikutarō shall be limited to events with 50 or more participating travelers. However, in cases where multiple dispatch requests overlap, priority will be given to groups with a higher number of child participants.

4. Regarding the Dispatch of Okinawa Karate Interpreter Guides

Interpreter guides will be dispatched for groups of five or more. However, due to the limited number of available guides, dispatch may not be possible depending on the requested date. Additionally, the dispatch is limited to itineraries related to karate, such as tours of karate-related facilities and historical sites, and

interpretation during training sessions.

(Support Application)

#### Article 5

The representative of the support-eligible group must, in principle, submit the following documents via the application form on the Okinawa Traditional Karate Promotion Association's website at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the event (including weekends and public holidays) to the Chairperson of the Okinawa Traditional Karate Promotion Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Chairperson"):

(1) Omotenashi Support Application Form (Form No. 1)

(2) Omotenashi Support Arrangement Confirmation Form (Form No. 2)

(3) Submission of the Questionnaire on Visiting Okinawa for Karate Purposes (Form No. 3)

\* Please complete the questionnaire in advance by accessing the link provided in the application form that leads to Form No. 3 titled "Questionnaire on Visiting Okinawa for Karate Purposes."

(4) Participant List (Form No. 4)

\* Download the Excel file for Form No. 4 from the Association's website, fill in the required information, and submit it via email.

\* The following information must be included: gender, age, accommodation within Okinawa, country of origin or residence for overseas participants, and prefecture of origin or residence for participants from outside Okinawa.

\* However, regarding the distribution of original goods and admission tickets to the Okinawa Karate Kaikan Reference Room, even if no prior application was made through the website, the application can still be processed at the Association office within the Karate Kaikan by providing the required information (gender, age, country, accommodation hotel name) and completing the questionnaire.

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

(Application Approval)

Article 6

Upon receiving an application, the Chairperson shall review the submitted documents. If the content of the application is deemed appropriate, the Chairperson shall notify the applicant of the approval by issuing a letter of acceptance.

(Withdrawal of Application)

Article 7

If a support-eligible applicant wishes to withdraw their application, they must submit a Withdrawal Notification Form (Form No. 4) to the Chairperson via the withdrawal form on the Association's website no later than one week prior to the event.

(Changes to Application Content)

Article 8

If there are any changes to the content of the Application Form (Form No. 1), the support-eligible applicant must promptly submit a Notification of Change in Application Content (Form No. 5) to the Chairperson via the change notification form on the Association's website.

However, if there is a change in the event period, support will not be provided beyond the support period specified in Article 3, Paragraph 4.

Article 9

The support-eligible applicant must submit the "Questionnaire on Visiting Okinawa for Karate Purposes," which appears during the support application process, to the Chairperson via the questionnaire form on the Association's website.

(On-site Investigation)

Article 10

The Association may conduct investigations, as necessary, regarding the implementation status of visits to Okinawa for karate purposes that are eligible for support. The support-eligible applicant shall cooperate with such investigations.

(Revocation of Support, etc.)

Article 11

The Chairperson may revoke or modify all or part of the approval granted under Article 6 in any of the following cases:

(1) If there is a violation of laws, this guideline, or any orders or instructions issued by the Chairperson based on these.

- (2) If fraud, negligence, or other inappropriate conduct is found in connection with the application.
- (3) If, due to changes in circumstances after the decision to provide support, the conditions for support as specified in Article 3 are no longer met.

2. In cases where the approval has been revoked or modified as stated in the preceding paragraph, or when the visit to Okinawa for the purpose of karate is canceled due to the personal convenience of the support-eligible applicant, the Chairperson may, if expenses related to the implementation of the support have already been incurred, demand reimbursement of all or part of those expenses within a specified time frame.

#### (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.

#### Supplementary Provision

This guideline shall come into effect on July 22, 2025.

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

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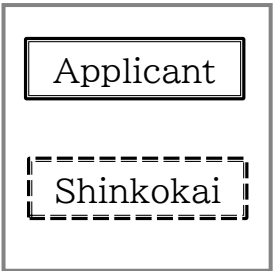
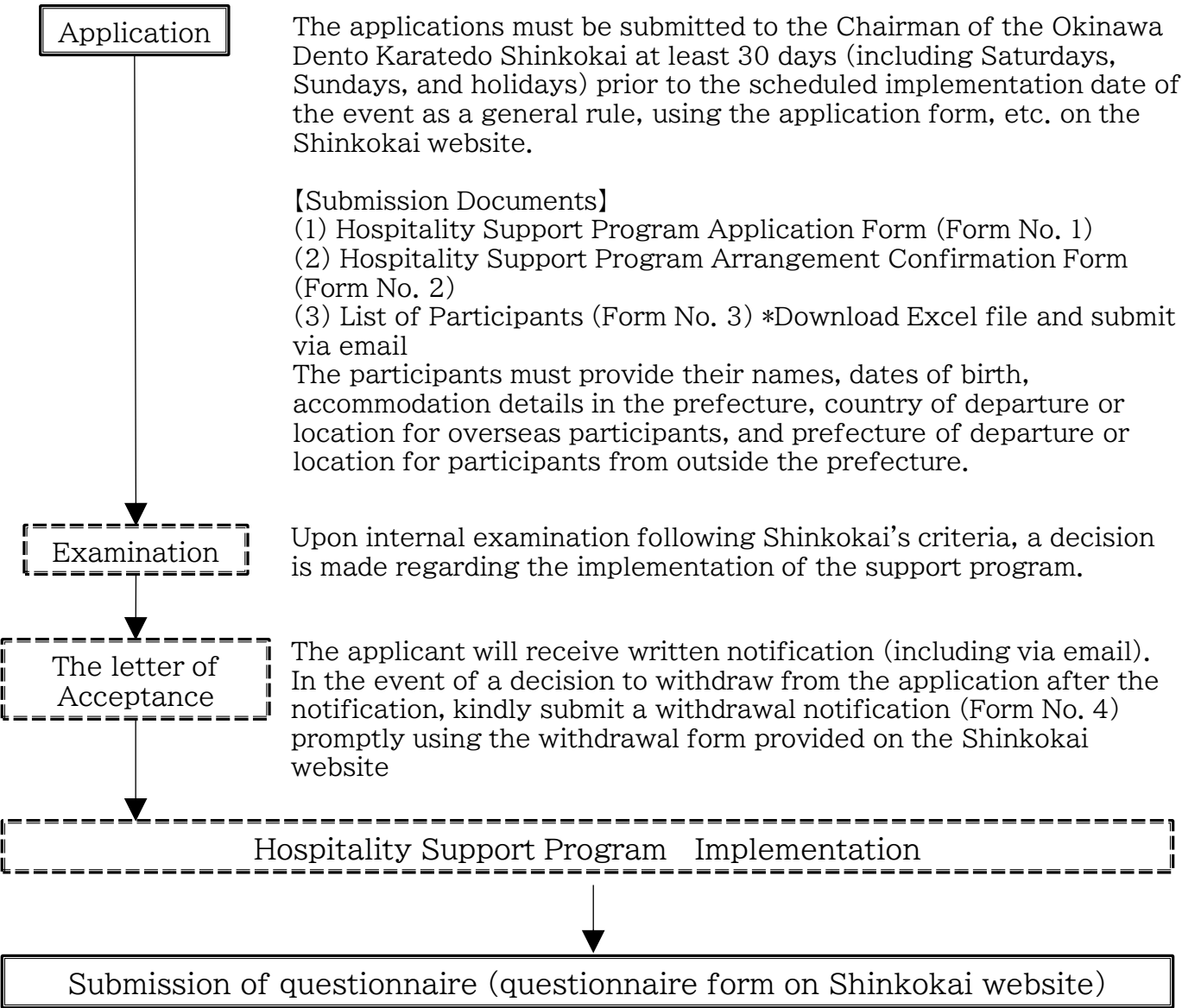
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# Procedures of the Karate Tourism Development Project "Hospitality Support Program"

【Period of implementation】

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