

Kochi Consultation Center for Foreign Residents

Guidelines Regarding Calling for Nicknames

1. Objective

With the number of foreigners living and working in Kochi Prefecture increasing year by year, the Kochi Prefectural Government opened the Kochi Consultation Center for Foreign Residents (hereinafter referred to as "the Center") in end May 2019 as a consultation service to provide information and consultation to foreigners and others, in cooperation with other organizations, so that they can find appropriate information and places to consult when they have questions or concerns about various matters related to their lives.

The Center receives a wide range of consultations not only from foreigners but also from businesses that accept foreigners. As part of the second anniversary celebration of the Center at the end of May 2021, a call for nicknames has been placed in order to raise its profile and make it more familiar to the people of the prefecture. Details are as follows.

2. Application Period

1st March 2021 (Mon) - 30th April 2021 (Fri) *must arrive by this date

3. Eligibility

Everyone is welcome to apply.

4. Application Details

Regarding the nickname of the Center

- A) Each person may submit up to three entries.
- B) Entries must be the applicant's original work, unpublished, and not copied or appropriated from any other work.
- C) The nickname should be written in Japanese (i.e. hiragana / katakana / romaji / kanji). Even if the nickname is derived from a non-Japanese language, please write it in Japanese. For example 你好 → ニーハオ.

When using romaji or kanji, please also write down how to pronounce them.

*For an overview of the Center, visit the website at <http://kccfr.jp>

5. Prizes

Grand Prize (x1) Prize money of 30,000 yen

Runner-Up Prizes (x2) Prize money of 10,000 yen

*High school students and younger will receive the amount as book vouchers

6. How to Apply

- A) Submissions can be made by postcard, through the sending in of the application form by post or in person, by fax, email, or submission on the application form on the website. Your application should be sent to the address listed in point 10 below.
- B) Applicants will need to include the nickname (and pronunciation), explanation of the nickname (reason, meaning, etc.), their name (with furigana), postal code, address, occupation (for students and younger, school name and year should be written), and phone number.

7. Judging Process

The Center's Nickname Selection Committee (tentative name) will select the winning entries.

If the winning nickname is one that has been submitted by multiple people, the winner will be determined by a draw.

The nickname entry that wins the grand prize will be used as the nickname for the Center.

8. Announcement of Results

Winners will be notified directly, and results will be announced on the websites of Kochi Prefecture and the Center.

9. Handling of the Entries

- A) The grand prize winning entry will be used as the Center's nickname, but some corrections to it may be made if necessary.
- B) The copyright (including the rights stipulated in Articles 27 and 28 of the Copyright Act) and all other rights to the winning entry belong to Kochi Prefecture. In addition, the applicant shall not exercise any moral rights regarding the winning entry.
- C) The winning applicant agrees to allow Kochi Prefecture to apply for and register the adopted nickname as a trademark. The applicant may not apply for a trademark for their work.
- D) Applicants are responsible for any copyright issues that may arise from their entries.
- E) In the event that the prize winning entries are found to infringe the rights of others, or are otherwise found to be in breach of the provisions of these guidelines, the award will be withdrawn even after the results have been announced. If it is found that the work may infringe the rights of others, the prize may also be withdrawn.
(In the case of the grand prize, adaptation of the work may be cancelled)
- F) Entries will not be returned.
- G) All costs associated with the application process are to be borne by the applicant.
- H) Personal information submitted will not be used for any purpose other than for this project. However, the award winners will have their names, address (up to their municipality, e.g. Kochi City), Occupation (or school name and year) published together with their work in press releases, Kochi Prefecture's website, etc.

10. Contact Details for Applications and Inquiries

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