

<Gyeonggi International Cosplay Festival (GICOF)>

Recruitment of Global Partner Countries/Regions

1. Recruitment Overview

- a. Recruitment Title: New Partner Recruitment for < Gyeonggi International Cosplay Festival (GICOF) >
- b. Recruitment Period: March 20 (Thu) ~ April 14 (Mon) 24:00 ※ Based on Korean time
- c. Target: Organizers of overseas cosplay events and related organizations
- d. Details: Overseas organizers and cosplayers participating in GICOF Championship
- e. Partnership Period and Support
 - During the first partnership period (3 years), KOMACON will be supporting airfare and accommodation and sharing event operation know-how
 - Subsequent renewal of the partnership will be followed by gradual self-sustaining operation

2. Application Overview

Category	Main Content
Application Period	- March 20, 2025 (Thu) ~ April 14, 2025 (Mon) 24:00 ※ Based on Korean time
Eligibility	※ Only overseas organizations or individual businesses that meet all of the following requirements can apply: 1. Corporations or individual businesses registered in countries/regions except South Korea and existing partners - Existing partner countries: Taiwan, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Indonesia, Kuwait, Norway,

	Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, USA, Vietnam 2. Organizations that operate or plan to hold cosplay events at least once a year - Organizations that can select their country's representative cosplay performance team to send to the GICOF finals - Preference for organizations with more than 2 years of event operation experience - Organizations that can continue to participate in GICOF with their own budget after the first partnership (3 years) ends 3. Organizations capable of collaboration and promotion with GICOF and Korea - Organizations that have a network to actively promote GICOF as a partner country and are willing to continue cultural exchange with Korea
Obligations	1. Hosting GICOF Regional Qualifying Competitions - At least one GICOF regional qualifying competition must be held annually - Selection of the national representative cosplay team (duo performance) - Results of the qualifying competition must be submitted as an official report 2. Participation in the GICOF Championship Finals - The representative cosplay team and organizer selected from the qualifying competition must participate in the GICOF Championship every year - Organizers and cosplayers must be at least 18 years old and must not have any legal or administrative issues regarding visiting Korea and participating in the competition 3. Guarantee of Continuous Participation - Even after the initial contract period (3 years) ends, partners are asked to participate in the GICOF Championship by investing their own budget. ※ If they do not hold a qualifying competition for more than 2 years or fail to participate in the championship, the contract may be terminated. 4. Cooperation in Promoting GICOF and Korean Cosplay Culture - Partners must actively cooperate to promote GICOF and Korean cosplay culture within the contracting country

	- Partners are requested to participate in creating GICOF promotional content, SNS promotion, and local event-related promotions, etc. 5. Compliance with Requests and Cooperation with KOMACON - Diligent management of the qualifying competition and submission of results reports - Promising active cooperation with KOMACON for smooth communication and official requests, such as promotional cooperation, event operation requests, etc. ※ If the partner continuously fails to fulfill its obligations, the contract may be terminated.												
Application Method & Submission Documents	- Application Form: Online form(https://forms.gle/sayLEdd1i6uNboWU9) - Event Portfolio (PPT, video, etc.): Email (gicof.official@gmail.com)												
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Contract Signing	- Signing the contract in 2025: Countries/ regions that can hold the qualifying competitions and select representatives, and submit results 60 days prior to 2025 GICOF (July 25, 2025) - Signing the contract in 2026: Countries/ regions that cannot hold the competitions and so on by July 25, 2025												

3. Support Details

Support Items	Non-Supported Items
- Invitation: Round-trip airfare (economy class), accommodation during the event (based on double occupancy, breakfast included), transportation to and from the airport and event venue - Prize Money: Distributed based on championship results - Others: Gyeonggi-do tour, lunch during the event, etc.	- Invitation: Airfare seat upgrades or additional baggage fees, invitation costs for visitors other than the official invitee, visa issuance fees, etc. - Others: Interpretation and meal costs outside of official events, etc.

<Support Scale by Agreement Period>

Category	Support Details
First Agreement Period: 3 years	1. Round-trip airfare to Korea: <u>100%</u> 2. Accommodation during the invitation period: 100%
Second Agreement Period: 4-6 years	1. Round-trip airfare to Korea: <u>50%</u> 2. Accommodation during the invitation period: 100%
Third Agreement Period: After 6 years	1. Round-trip airfare to Korea: <u>0%</u> 2. Accommodation during the invitation period: 100%

<Prize Money Support Scale>

Category	Number of Winners (teams)	Prize Money (KRW)	Total Amount (KRW)	Remarks
Total	17		18,900,000	
Grand Award	1	10,000,000	10,000,000	Trophy and certificate
Excellence Award	1	3,000,000	3,000,000	Trophy and certificate
Outstanding Award	2	1,000,000	2,000,000	Trophy and certificate
Participation Award	13	300,000	3,900,000	Certificate

※ The prize money and number of winners may change depending on the organizer's circumstances.

4. Evaluation Overview

Category	Main Content
Evaluation Method	Review committee evaluation and selection

Evaluation Criteria	Selection Criteria	Points	Remarks
	Regional Equity	10	In consideration of balance with existing partners, new partners will be selected. (Preference for countries/ regions in Americas, Africa, Middle East)
	Cosplay Event Experience	20	Experience in hosting cosplay events and participating in international events of the applying organization (organizer)
	Operational Organization and Self-Sustainability	25	Economic self-sustainability of the organization, long-term operational feasibility, independence after the end of the agreement
	Development Potential and Event Sustainability	25	The applying organization's potential to continuously operate qualifying competitions and ability to recruit participants
	Collaboration Potential and Contribution to GICOF	20	Sustainability of collaboration and exchange with GICOF and Korea, utilization of promotion and networks
	Bonus Points	5	History of international exchange with KOMACON, contribution and potential for mutual relationship development
	Total	105	

5. Inquiries

- KOMACON, Festival Project Team(gicof.official@gmail.com)

This is announced as above.

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