

# <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: Date of the announcement ~ March 31 (Tue.) 24:00 (KST)
- 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	- Date of the announcement ~ March 31 (Tue.) 24:00 (KST)
Eligibility	<p>※ <b>Only overseas organizations or corporate/individual businesses that meet all of the following requirements can apply:</b></p> <p><b>1. Corporations or individual businesses registered in countries/regions except South Korea and existing partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Existing partner countries: Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg,</li></ul>

	<p>Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, USA, Vietnam</p> <p><b>2. Organizations that operate or plan to hold cosplay events at least once a year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organizations that can select their country's representative cosplay performance team to send to the GICOF finals</li> <li>- Preference for organizations with more than 2 years of event operation experience</li> <li>- Organizations that can continue to participate in GICOF with their own budget after the first partnership (3 years) ends</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Organizations capable of collaboration and promotion with GICOF and Korea</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organizations that have a network to actively promote GICOF as a partner country and are willing to continue cultural exchange with Korea</li> </ul>
<p><b>Obligations</b></p>	<p><b>1. Hosting GICOF Regional Qualifying Competitions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least one GICOF regional qualifying competition must be held annually</li> <li>- Selection of the national representative cosplay team (duo performance)</li> <li>- Results of the qualifying competition must be submitted as an official report</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Participation in the GICOF Championship Finals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The representative cosplay team and organizer selected from the qualifying competition must participate in the GICOF Championship every year</li> <li>- 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</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Guarantee of Continuous Participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Even after the initial contract period (3 years) ends, partners are asked to participate in the GICOF Championship by investing their own budget.</li> <li>※ 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Cooperation in Promoting GICOF and Korean Cosplay Culture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partners must actively cooperate to promote GICOF and Korean cosplay culture within the contracting country</li> <li>- Partners are requested to participate in creating GICOF promotional</li> </ul>

	<p>content, SNS promotion, and local event-related promotions, etc.</p> <p><b>5. Compliance with Requests and Cooperation with KOMACON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diligent management of the qualifying competition and submission of results reports</li> <li>- Promising active cooperation with KOMACON for smooth communication and official requests, such as promotional cooperation, event operation requests, etc.</li> </ul> <p>※ If the partner continuously fails to fulfill its obligations, the contract may be terminated.</p>
<b>Application Method &amp; Required documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application Form: Online form(<a href="https://forms.gle/anKkGULEXy2FoQPk8">https://forms.gle/anKkGULEXy2FoQPk8</a>)</li> <li>- Event Portfolio, proposal of cooperation (PPT, video, etc.): Email (<a href="mailto:gicof.official@gmail.com">gicof.official@gmail.com</a>)</li> </ul> <p>※ All materials are prepared and submitted in English or Korean</p>
<b>Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📅 March 31                      Deadline for applications</li> <li>📅 April 8                         Review Committee selecting new partners</li> <li>📅 April 10                        Announcement of new partners</li> <li>📅 April 30                        Signing of contracts with new partners</li> <li>📅 July 20                         Report of the GICOF qualifying competition</li> <li>📅 September 19                2026 GICOF Championship</li> </ul>
<b>Contract Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Countries/ regions that can hold the qualifying competitions and select representatives, and submit results 60 days prior to 2026 GICOF (<b>July 20, 2026</b>): Date of the contract conclusion ~ December 31 2028.</li> <li>- Countries/ regions that cannot hold the competitions and so on by July 20, 2026: Date of the contract conclusion ~ December 31 2029.</li> </ul>

### 3. Support Details

Support Items	Non-Supported Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Invitation</b>: Round-trip airfare (economy class), accommodation during the event (based on double occupancy, breakfast included), transportation to and from the airport and event venue</li> <li>- <b>Prize Money</b>: Distributed based on championship results</li> <li>- Others: Gyeonggi-do tour, lunch during the event, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invitation: Airfare seat upgrades or additional baggage fees, invitation costs for visitors other than the official invitee, visa issuance fees, etc.</li> <li>- Others: Interpretation and meal costs outside of official events, etc.</li> </ul>

<Support Scale by Contract Period>

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

<Prize Money Support Scale>

Category	No. of Winners (teams)	Prize Money (KRW)	Total Amount (KRW)	Remarks
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>19,200,000</b>	
<b>Grand Award</b>	1	10,000,000	10,000,000	Trophy and certificate
<b>Excellence Award</b>	1	3,000,000	3,000,000	Trophy and certificate
<b>Outstanding Award</b>	2	1,000,000	2,000,000	Certificate
<b>Participation Award</b>	14	300,000	4,200,000	Certificate

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

## 4. Evaluation Overview

Category	Main Content		
<b>Evaluation Method</b>	Review committee evaluation and selection		
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Selection Criteria</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
	<b>Regional Equity</b>	20	In consideration of balance with existing partners, new partners will be selected. (Preference for countries/ regions in Americas, Africa, Middle East)
	<b>Cosplay Event Experience</b>	30	Experience in hosting cosplay events and participating in international events of the applying organization (organizer)
	<b>Self-sufficiency of organizations &amp; sustainability of events</b>	30	The organization's economic independence, long-term operational potential, ability to recruit participants, and ability to operate independently after the agreement ends.
	<b>Collaboration Potential and Contribution to GICOF</b>	20	Potential for continued and developing collaboration and exchange with GICOF and Korea, as well as promotion and network utilization
	<b>Bonus Points</b>	5	History of international exchange with KOMACON, contribution and potential for mutual relationship development
	<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	

## **5. Inquiries**

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This is announced as above.

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