

世界中のボケとツッコミが日本に集結！

公益協カッパ

Foreign Comedians Manzai Championship 2026

外国人漫才王 決定戦

お前より面白いやつがいるか？

お前の国には、

文化の違い？

それ、最高のネタです！

Laughter knows no borders

RUNNER-UP
準優勝
¥300,000-

CHAMPION
優勝
¥500,000-

SPECIAL PRIZE
特別賞×2 TEAMS
¥100,000-

ENTRY PERIOD

Tue, Jul 21, 2026

Fri, Oct 16, 2026

Eligibility

- Foreign national (18+)
- Amateurs only
- ※other conditions apply

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY
¥1,000,000

BONUS PRIZE for all winners!

Special event
performance rights

- AYAKO HALL (Nihonbashi, Tokyo)
- Art stage (Iidabashi, Tokyo)

THE FINAL

Free admission

Sun, Nov 29, 2026

Doors open 13:00 / Show starts 14:00
End 17:00

Venue

Art stage
(Iidabashi, Tokyo)

笑わせに者が勝つ
スベツに者は泣く
全員、伝説になる

エントリーは
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Application Guidelines

Note: The Japanese version of the Application Guidelines is the original. The English version is for reference only and the Japanese version prevails in case of any discrepancies between the two languages.

Overview

This competition aims to discover the talent and individuality of foreign nationals through Japanese-language manzai, and to promote the development of Japan's comedy culture and international exchange. It will determine Japan's top amateur foreign manzai comedians.

Eligibility

1. **Category: Manzai performed in Japanese**
2. **Eligible participants: Foreign nationals (non-Japanese citizens) aged 18 or over**
Solo or duo (up to 3 people).
 - * All members must be foreign nationals. One entry per person only.
 - * **Amateurs only** (no exclusive contract with a talent agency, as a professional comedian).
 - * The following are excluded:
 - 1) Anti-social forces, and individuals/organizations connected with them.
 - 2) Individuals/organizations whose purpose or activities are biased toward advertising, solicitation, or sales promotion for a particular company, political group, religion, ideology, etc.
3. **Finalists must be available on November 29, 2026.**

Application Period

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – Friday, October 16, 2026 (* Web application closes at 5:00 PM JST)

Entry Fee

¥2,000 (tax included). * ¥2,000 per entry, for both solo and duo/group.

* Transfer fees are borne by the applicant. Entry fees are non-refundable.

How to Apply

Apply via the entry form (<https://form.run/@entry-manzai2026>), attaching the following materials.

4. **A manzai performance video** (about 3 minutes, MP4/MOV, up to 100 MB).
 - * Submit a recording close to the routine you plan to perform on the day (must be manzai in Japanese).
 - * Original works created by the applicant only. Previously performed material is acceptable.
 - * Filming location and equipment are your choice; editing is allowed.
5. **A copy of an ID document verifying age and nationality** (residence card, passport, or certificate of residence).
 - * Only the parts showing name, date of birth, and nationality (please mask any other unnecessary information).
 - * For a duo/group, submit one for every member.

* As a rule, replacements or corrections cannot be accepted after submission, so please check carefully in advance.

Applications cannot be accepted after the deadline, even if you are unable to apply within the acceptance period due to internet problems or the like. Please allow plenty of time to complete the process.

Preliminary Judging

Judging criteria

Humor , Originality , Japanese-language ability , Overall quality of the manzai performance , Future potential , International perspective and individuality.

Finalists

10 acts will advance to the final. Results will be announced by email in early November 2026.

* Please note that reasons for non-selection will not be disclosed.

The Final

Date & time: Sunday, November 29, 2026

Doors open: 13:00 Show starts: 14:00 End: 17:00 Free admission

Venue: Art stage Kōeki Building 1F, 9-3 Ichigaya-Funagawaramachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

Rules

Performance time: Up to 5 minutes. * Manzai in Japanese; Props permitted.

Awards

Total prize money: ¥1,000,000

Champion: ¥500,000 Runner-up: ¥300,000 Special prize: ¥100,000 × 2 teams

Bonus prize (for all winners):

The right to perform at special events — at Ayako Hall (Nihonbashi-Hamacho) and Art stage (Iidabashi).

Participant Obligations and Important Notes

· **The manzai routine must not fall under any of the following:**

- 1) **Content that infringes, or promotes the infringement of, third-party rights such as copyright, neighboring rights, portrait rights, honor, or privacy.**
- 2) **Content that violates public order and morals, or that contains defamation, slander, discrimination, violence, obscenity, sexual depiction, or anything generally offensive.**
- 3) **Anything else that may fall under, or is equivalent to, the above.**

· Please perform at the designated time on November 29, 2026, as applied. If you must withdraw for unavoidable reasons, be sure to contact the organizer in advance.

· Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation to the venue. The organizer will not arrange or pay for these.

· For injury, illness, accident, loss, or trouble with participants or audience members occurring during the performance or while waiting on the day, the organizer bears no liability for damages, except in cases of the organizer's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

· Regardless of intent or negligence, if you damage event-related facilities, equipment, or materials, you will be required to compensate for that damage.

· Participants are deemed to have granted the organizer the right to use their submitted videos and finals footage free of charge and without time limit, for the operation, publicity, and related content of this contest. (Participant profiles and performance footage will be posted on the organizer's website, etc.)

· Personal information will be used only for tasks related to this contest, such as screening and result notifications. Except as required by law, it will not be provided to third parties without the individual's prior consent.

- Performance or award decisions may be revoked in the event of: failure to arrive/check in by the designated time, no-show cancellation, false declarations, rights infringement, dangerous conduct, or failure to follow operational instructions.
- Winners are responsible for appropriately handling tax filings and other necessary procedures related to receiving prize money. Withholding tax and other procedures may be applied in accordance with the law. As a rule, prize money is transferred to a designated account in the applicant's name. For a duo/group, the winners are responsible for distributing the money among members.

Contact / Organizer

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