

# **The J. Kawakami Memorial Trust for Education and Culture**

## **Grant Guidelines**

**Fiscal Year 2026 (April 2026 – March 2027)**

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**In providing financial assistance, the Kawakami trust observes the following guidelines for funding.**

### **I. Project Criteria**

#### **1. Areas of Focus**

- Education and youth development
- Preservation of indigenous and traditional culture

#### **2. Conditions / Criteria for Project Selection**

The Kawakami trust believes in supporting those projects that are capable of eventually becoming financially self-sustainable. Additionally, it is expected that projects supported by the Kawakami trust will encompass the following:

- Community participation
- Self-reliance enhancement (long-term viability / mobilization of local human, technological and financial resources)
- Innovation and replicability
- Environmental sustainability
- Gender sensitivity
- Promotion of social enterprises which ensure sustainability of the communities.

#### **3. Countries of Focus**

Due to limited financial resources, the Kawakami trust presently focuses on the following countries: **the Philippines, Cambodia and Indonesia.**

#### **4. Applicant Organizations**

- An applicant is **non-profit organization or educational institution** required to have either legal status or to be registered with a responsible public entity. It is also required to be transparent about its activities and financial condition.
- Organizations that received grants from the Kawakami trust during the 2024 fiscal year (April 2024 to March 2025) or earlier, and whose applications for funding for the same or similar projects were not approved for the Kawakami trust's grant of 2025 fiscal year (April 2025 to March 2026), are **not eligible to apply**.

## 5. Project Costs

The Kawakami trust supports the necessary cost to carry out a project while it encourages the recipient organization to cover some portion of costs. **Amount of the grant ranges from 700,000 to 900,000 Japanese yen per project (annually).** Administrative costs may be covered depending on the status of applicant organizations.

## 6. Grant Period

In principle, The Kawakami trust supports **one-to-three-year projects. Extension of the grant period beyond three years can be considered only with the Kawakami trust Executive Advisory Committee approval.**

It should be noted, however, that a project proponent approved for its multi-year proposal is **required to submit annually a project proposal (plan) of the year** for an annual approval of The Kawakami trust Executive Advisory Committee.

**The Kawakami trust follows the Japanese financial calendar, i.e., April to March of the following year.** It is recommended that projects start after April and end before March of the following year in the case of a one-year project.

Grants are approved and remitted in Japanese yen. Please also note that grant amount approved by the Kawakami trust will be paid in two (2) installments. **The first installment of the grant will be remitted during the month of June 2026 after a Letter of Acceptance is submitted by a project proponent.** The second installment will be remitted around December 2026 after the Kawakami trust receives an interim report describing the progress and financial status of the approved project. The foreign exchange rate on the day of the remittance will be followed.

## II. Monitoring and Reporting

The Kawakami trust personnel may monitor projects that have received grants. **All grantees are required to submit interim and final reports on the project by October 31, 2026, and May 31, 2027 respectively.** These reports should contain a narrative account of the accomplishments made through the use of the grant funds, with respect to the project's initial goals. A financial statement should also be attached to both reports and receipts or evidence of disbursement are required for those items applicable for the final reports.

## III. Deadline for Application

**February 9th, 2026 (Monday, JST/GMT+09:00)**

Interested parties are requested to send their project proposals to the Kawakami trust **by 23:59 of February 9th, 2026 (Monday), Japan time (JST/GMT+09:00), by e-mail.**

Please send your proposals to:

**J. Kawakami Memorial Trust for Education and Culture**  
**The Executive Secretariat**

c/o Asian Community Center 21 (ACC21)

1F, ABK Bldg., 2-12-13 Honkomagome Bunkyo-ku Tokyo JAPAN 113-8642

Tel: 81-3-3945-2615 Fax: 81-3-3945-2692 E-mail: [jk-trust@acc21.org](mailto:jk-trust@acc21.org)

#### **IV. Selection of Project Proposals and Announcement of the Results of Project Approval**

The Executive Advisory Committee of the Kawakami trust composed of learned people on Asian affairs will review all project proposals at its meeting in March 2026. The results of the selection of project proposal will be announced **by the middle of April 2026.**

## **About The J. Kawakami Memorial Trust for Education and Culture**

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### **Trustee Bank**

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Banking, Limited

### **Executive Advisory Committee**

The Executive Advisory Committee, which is composed of learned persons and civil leaders, selects proposals for granting and advises the trustees on important policy issues. The Committee is composed of the following members:

#### **Mr. Takehiko Nakao**

Adviser, Sumitomo Corporation and Chairman, Center for International Economy and Strategy, Former President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)

#### **Ms. Mitsuko Horiuchi**

President, Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women (KFAW)

#### **Mr. Terumasa Akio**

Chairman, The Education for Development Foundation (Thailand)

#### **Ms. Kyoko Ikegami**

Professor, Nagasaki University School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health

#### **Ms. Akiko Yuge**

Former Professor, Hosei University, Former Director of the UNDP Representation Office in Tokyo and Special Advisor to the UNDP Administrator

### **Trust Executor**

#### **Mr. Tatsuo Ota**

Chair, The Japan Association of Charitable Organizations (JACO)

**Executive Secretariat**

Asian Community Center 21 (ACC21), which acts as the Executive Secretariat for the Kawakami trust, provides programming and administrative support. The secretariat staff facilitates the preparation of proposals for funding approval by the Executive Advisory Committee.

**Executive Secretariat of the J. Kawakami Memorial Trust for Education and Culture  
c/o Asian Community Center 21 (ACC21)**

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