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Japan World Exposition 1970 Commemorative Fund Grant **Applications for 2026**

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The Embassy of Japan in Cyprus announces that the Japan World Exposition 1970 Commemorative (JEC) Fund Grant program is now calling for applications for single-year projects (between April 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027).

Successful applicants will receive the maximum grant of 5,000,000 YEN (approx. 29,020 EURO) per project.

** Estimates are based on 23/07/2025 conversion rates from JPY to EUR.*

Eligible projects for the JEC Fund should be related to or associated with Japan and fall under one of the following categories:

1. Projects that contribute to international cultural exchange and/or the enhancement of international goodwill
2. International projects in the field of education or academic study ¹

**¹ International conference that qualify for the JEC Fund Grant are limited to meetings in basic natural sciences, excluding engineering and medical science, in which operational funds are deemed to be insufficient despite the importance of the meetings.*

Window for submission of applications

September 1–30, 2025

**Received applications whose timestamp is not within the application window will be rejected.*

Timing of payment of grant money

The grant will be paid based on the settled amount only after the project for the fiscal year is completed, all expenses are paid, and income and expenditure have been finalized.

Submit applications by international mail to:

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Japan World Exposition 1970 Commemorative Fund Department

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Past selected projects from Cyprus

Two projects from Cyprus have previously been selected.

The project “Peace Lab: In Search for Harmony between Man and ‘Topos’” was selected in 2021 and implemented in 2022, receiving a grant of 2,200,000 JPY (approximately 15,000 EUR).

The second project, “MAPS: Mobile Agora for Participatory Spaces”, was selected in 2022 and carried out in July 2023, with a grant of 1,000,000 JPY (approximately 6,500 EUR).

About the JEC Fund Grant Program

The Japan World Exposition 1970 Commemorative Fund Grant program (JEC Fund Grant program) has been managing part of the revenues from the Japan World Exposition of 1970 (Expo '70) as the Fund. With part of the Fund's investment income, the JEC Fund Grant program has offered grants (JEC Fund Grants) to approximately 4,800 projects since 1971. The program has offered the JEC Fund Grants to projects that were designed to inherit the idea of Expo '70 and contribute to international understanding at a total of approximately 19.7 billion yen since then.

For fiscal year 2026, the program invites applications for grant-eligible projects, with a total funding allocation of approximately 135 million yen.

For more information and inquiries

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