

Entry Guidelines



■About the Works

It must include any of the following topics:

- (1) *Oku no Hosomichi* Literary Award – The journey of *Oku no Hosomichi*, or a traveler's journal/essay about a big trip around Japan.
 - (2) Donald Keene Award – Critique or publication about the journey of *Oku no Hosomichi* or Bashō, or a contemporary haiku poet and their work.
- *Previously submitted works to other literary contests will not be accepted.

■Closing Date

Via post: 31st of December, 2017

(*Including the postmark date)

Hand delivery: 28th of December, 2017

■Public Acknowledgments

1 *Oku no Hosomichi* Literary Award

(1) Main Prize: Souvenir/ Extra prize: ¥500,000

(2) Merit Award / Honourable Mention, a Selection of Books (Souvenir, Extra Prize)

2 Donald Keene Award

(1) Main Prize: Souvenir/ Extra prize: ¥500,000

(2) Merit Award / Honourable Mention, a Selection of Books (Souvenir, Extra Prize)

■Writing Format

(1) *Oku no Hosomichi* Literary Award: written on A4 Japanese manuscript (Genkō yōshi) of 400 characters per sheet, 35 pages, **in Japanese**.

(2) Donald Keene Award:

■ written on A4 Japanese manuscript (Genkō yōshi) of 400 characters per-sheet, up until 40 pages, **in Japanese**.

■ publication in Japanese that published between November 2015 to October 2017

(*Including a recommendation of publisher)

■General Guidelines

(1) Fill in the following form with the necessary details. Attach it on the front cover of your work before submitting it.

(2) In the case of using a pen-name, write your real name.

(3) Submissions in electronic form do not be accepted. You must send 4 identical copies of the manuscript with numbered pages (*the front page is not included in the numeration). Both original or copies are accepted. In the case of recommendation of publisher, you should send 1 only.

(4) Disclosure of submitted personal information, judging process, results will not be passed on to any third parties without consent.

*Please note that the submitted copies of the works will not be returned under any circumstances.

■Judging and Selection

Around November of 2018 (estimated date) the results will be on the Web-site and be announced for everyone.

Before that, any inquiries will not be answered.

※The appropriate announcement will be made through the Soka city.

■Inquiries

Literary Award Section

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■Sponsors

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Agency for Cultural Affairs, Saitama Prefecture, Oku no Hosomichi Summit, The Bourbon Yoshida Foundation, Donald Keene Center Kashiwazaki

■Cooperation

Soka Oku no Hosomichi Citizenship Promotion Committee.

Oku-no-Hosomichi Literary Award & Donald Keene Award Application Form

Application Category	1 . Oku no Hosomichi Literary Award		2 . Donald Keene Award	
Title				
Name		Pen-name		
Address				
Birth date	year	month	day (age)	Telephone number ()
Brief Personal Statement	Write your brief personal statement (eg., your final academic back-ground and occupation) in a separate sheet and attach it (no restrictions apply)		How did you find out about these Literary Awards? (Mark with a ✓) <input type="checkbox"/> Poster <input type="checkbox"/> Soka Homepage <input type="checkbox"/> News article <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine <input type="checkbox"/> City Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Internet advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	