

WELCOME TO IKKIKAI

“Ikkikai” is a society of artists.

It was founded in 1970 in Hanyū City in Saitama prefecture by some passionate painters. The first exhibition was held in Kumagaya city in May 1970. After that, we held our exhibitions at the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum every year. Following the completion of the National Art Center Tokyo in 2007, we removed our exhibition here.



Now our society consists of 150 members who live across Japan. Our membership consists of a variety of people. Some are professional painters, but others are teachers, doctors, office workers, pensioners, or housewives. Art has not to do with one's occupation. Many people who are not members also apply to participate in the Ikkiten Exhibition.

We believe that the longing for art is a devout delight.

We always practice sensitivity, and each of our artists aim to express their personality. The method of expression is not important. We accept abstract as well representational art. If you are interested, please consider exhibiting your work with us.

60th Anniversary Ikkiten Exhibition Regulations

Exhibition period:

September 30, 2026 (Wednesday) - October 12, 2026 (Monday)

Eligibility for application:

High school students and older

Submission mediums:

Unpublished two-dimensional works such as oil paintings, watercolors, Japanese paintings, and washi paper paintings

Size: 1. General category: 72.7 cm × 60.6 cm ~ 259.0 cm × 194.0 cm

2. Small pieces category: 41.0 cm × 31.8 cm ~ 65.2 cm × 53.0 cm

The National Art Center, Tokyo, 1st basement floor loading exit, Ikkikai reception desk

Other notes:

We will take the utmost care in handling the submitted works, but please note that we cannot take responsibility in the unlikely event of theft, loss, damage, or other accidents.

Personal information provided will be handled as follows:

1. Personal information will be used only for the operation of the Association and the execution of each event.
2. It will be used to perform commissioned tasks related to the operation of the Association, as per item 1.
3. It will be used for the purpose of public relations activities for the Association.
4. Personal information provided will not be provided to third parties without the consent of the person providing it.

Inquiries

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Sending your Work by Mail

Works can be submitted by mail, with the following restrictions:

Size of work: Total length plus width must be within 150 cm.

Please make sure to frame it. No glass fronts, please.

Send your work so that it arrives one month before the delivery date above.

Delivery address:

Ikkikai Chairman Seiichi Yamada

Magechi 572-198, Kumagaya-shi, Saitama-ken, Japan

Cost:

In addition to the listing fee, there will be an additional return shipping fee. Shipping costs will vary depending on the region.

Please pay by the designated method so that the fee arrives one month before the delivery date.

Entry Fee:

- ① General category only: 10,000 yen for up to 3 pieces, 2,000 yen extra for each additional piece
- ② Both general and small items categories: 10,000 yen for up to 3 items, 2,000 yen extra for each additional item
- ③ Small items category only: 5,000 yen for up to 2 items, 2,000 yen extra for each additional item

Entry fees waived for everyone under 40 years old

Delivery location:

Underground entrance of the National Art Center, Tokyo

Delivery date:

September 16th (Wed) - 17th (Thu), 2026 , 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM both days (No submissions accepted outside these times)

Submission Results:

After judging submissions, the results will be mailed to the individual as well as posted on the Ikkikai website (ikkikai.info).

In addition, the winners will be presented with a certificate at the awards ceremony to be held during the exhibition period.

Please note that we cannot accept any inquiries about the results by phone.

Award:

The following prizes will be awarded to outstanding works: Ikikai Grand Prize, Prime Minister's Award, Tokyo Governor's Award, Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly Speaker's Award, Saitama Governor's Award, Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly Speaker's Award, Gunma Governor's Award, Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly Speaker's Award, Mainichi Newspapers Award, Jomo Newspapers Award, and others (including those not yet announced)

An awards ceremony will be held during the event. The winning works will be displayed after judging.

Date of removal of artwork:

October 13, 2026 (Tuesday) 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location for removing artworks:

Application Form for Submission

Full name:

Address

Telephone number:

Title of the work:

Work type

Oil painting, watercolor, print, paper, other ()

Size of the work:

_____ cm × _____ cm