

(Call for logo design submission)

Call for submissions for the commemorative logo for the 425th anniversary of Japan-Netherlands exchange in 2025.

15 September 2024

The year 2025 marks the 425th anniversary of exchange between Japan and the Netherlands. To provide an opportunity for the further development of bilateral relations during this commemorative year, the Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands invites submissions of a logo design for the 425th anniversary of Japan-Netherlands exchange. The submission guidelines are as follows.

1 Submission requirements

- (1) Eligibility: In principle, anyone residing in Japan or the Netherlands is eligible to apply, regardless of nationality, age, or other factors.
- (2) Deadline: submissions must be received by Wednesday, 20 November 2024.
- (3) Submission address: The Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands.
- (4) Method of selection: The submitted designs will be reviewed by the Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands, and the best design will be chosen as the 425th anniversary logo.
- (5) Announcement of results: The results will be announced on the websites and social media of the Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands.

2 Submission procedure

- (1) Please submit the original data along with a submission form stating your name, organization, and an explanation of the idea behind the design, etc. as an email attachment to the address listed in 3 (1) below. Please note that submissions via postal mail will not be accepted.
- (2) Each design proposal must be submitted electronically in JPEG or PDF format, with a resolution of 300 dpi or higher, and a maximum size of 3 MB per design. The applicant may be asked to change the format of the submitted design data.
- (3) Please provide an explanation of the idea behind the design proposal in approximately 100 words on the submission form. The explanation will be made public when the best design proposal is announced.
- (4) Please submit two versions of your design, one in colour (no restrictions on the number of colours, gradations, etc.) and one in black-and-white.
- (5) You may submit as many logo designs as you wish.
- (6) Design proposals and materials submitted will not be returned.

3 Submission address (only submissions submitted by email will be accepted) (Note 1)

- (1) Email address: jn425logo@hg.mofa.go.jp
- (2) Email subject: 'Submission of the 425th anniversary of logo'
- (3) Email text: Not required
- (4) Attachment:
 - Entry form
 - Logo data (two versions, colour and black-and-white)

(Note 1) Due to a high concentration of submission e-mails, there is a possibility that submissions may temporarily not be accepted at the above address (you will receive a message stating that your message has not been received). In this case, please contact the Embassy by e-mail and send the data again after a day.

(Note 2) Please make sure to provide a telephone number and e-mail address where we can contact you. We may contact you regarding the contents of the design.

(Note 3) Those selected for the final design will be announced on the website. If you do not wish your personal information (name, etc.) to be made public, please make sure to state so in the remarks field in the body of the email.

4 Notes

- (1) Submitted logo designs must be new and created by the applicant, not previously published anywhere, and must not infringe on copyrights, trademarks, etc., of any third parties.
- (2) Entries that are offensive to public order and morals or other legal provisions, contain slander or defamation, or infringe trademarks, copyrights or other rights of third parties will not be considered. If it is found that these conditions have been violated even after the submission has been accepted, the submission will be invalidated.
- (3) The selected design will be subject to any edits, alterations or processing necessary for use. In the event the logo is found to be unsatisfactory after the selection process, or if agreement cannot be reached as to revisions to the logo, the selected design will be withdrawn from use
- (4) All rights to submitted designs and the copyright to the selected logo will belong to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Those submitting designs agree that any moral rights in relation to the selected logo will be waived by submitting and signing the entry form, and cannot be exercised. In principle, submitted designs will not be altered other than to adjust size, convert to black-and-white, or to translate into Japanese or English.
- (5) The selected logo may be withdrawn from use, if any information submitted with the design is later determined to be false.
- (6) The selected logo design in its final form will be distributed to parties authorized by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and will be used in conjunction with the 425th anniversary of Japan-Netherlands exchange.
- (7) Applicants agree that their personal data will be processed for the purpose of selecting the selected proposal. Personal information of applicants will not be disclosed or provided to third parties without the applicant's permission.
- (8) Receipt of submissions will not be acknowledged, and authors of designs not selected will not be contacted. We regret that no inquiries concerning the judgment process can be accepted.