### The First Kyoto Literature Award
#### Call for Entries and Application Guidelines

| 1. Requirements | • A novel that deals with Kyoto. Any literary genres such as an entertainment or a pure literature is acceptable.  
• The novel must be written in Japanese language only.  
• The novel must be unpublished. We do not accept any works that have already been published or received other awards or prizes. |
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| 2. Categories and Qualification | • There are three categories for Award such as “General”, “Junior High School and High School Students” and “ Overseas,” and applicants can either be professionals or amateurs. We call for entries from all over Japan and the world.  
• Category “General” is targeted at applicants of any age and nationality. Qualified applicants for “Junior High School and High School Students” or “ Overseas” are also allowed to apply for the category “General.”  
• Category “ Overseas”, is targeted at foreign students or writers with foreign nationalities. |
| 3. Volume | **Category “General”:**  
The total length should be over 28,000 letters up to 160,000 letters, which is equivalent to over 70 pages up to 400 pages of 400 letters Japanese manuscript paper.  
**Categories of “Junior High and High School Students” and “ Overseas”:**  
The total length should be over 8,000 letters up to 60,000 letters, which is equivalent to over 20 pages up to 150 pages of 400 letters Japanese manuscript paper. |
| 4. How to Apply | • You can submit your work in a digital format via [https://www.koubo.co.jp/kyoto/](https://www.koubo.co.jp/kyoto/) or by post.  
• If you type in a computer, please use a A4-size format with 30 letters per line for 40 vertical lines without any gauzes. We do not accept hand writing manuscripts.  
• If you submit your work by post, please attach an entry form on the top and the summary of your novel within 800 letters on the second.  
  *The forms are available on our website.  
  *Please write your name, title and the category you apply for first on the summary form.  

<Please make sure that you write the following information on the Application Form>  
1. Title of your novel  
2. Full name and Pen name (please indicate them in *katakana*)  
3. Application category  
   *If you apply for the Category of “Junior High School and High School Students”, please indicate your school year.  
   *If you apply for the Category “ Overseas”, please indicate your nationality.  
4. Genre of your novel (Literary, Mystery/Horror, Science Fiction /Fantasy, History & Epic, Young Adult/Romantic and others)  
5. Total number of letters of your work  
6. Address  
7. Telephone number  
8. E-mail address  
9. A short biography including your history of education, career, and writing.  

<If possible, please indicate the following information as well.>  
10. Date of birth  
11. Gender  
12. Occupation  
13. How did you know about Kyoto Literature Award?
5. **Due date**
- September 30, 2019 (Monday). Effective if postmarked on the day or before
- In case of submission in a digital format, it is accepted by 23:59 on September 30, 2019.

6. **Final Screening Committee Members**
- Mr. Shinji Ishii (Writer), Ms. Maha Harada (Writer), Mr. Tsuyoshi Menjo (Literary Critic and the former editor of “Shosetsu Shincho” – a well-known monthly literary journal), representatives of a screening committee of selected general readers, and representatives of the organizer of this Award.

7. **Award Description**
- **Category General:**
  - The First Prize will be given for one novel with a cash of one million yen. The awarded novel will be commercially published.
  - The Second Prize (Special Prize by the Committee) will be given to one novel with a cash of 500,000 yen.
- **Category for Junior High and High School Students:**
  - The First Prize will be given for one novel with a book voucher equivalent of 100,000 yen.
  - The Second Prize will be given for one novel with a book voucher equivalent of 50,000 yen.
- **Category Overseas:**
  - The First Prize will be given for one novel with a cash of 100,000 yen.

8. **Screening Schedule and Announcement**
- **The first screening:**
  - We will announce the result of the first screening on our website around the end of November 2019.
- **The second screening:**
  - We will announce the result of the second screening with brief comments on the website around the early January 2020.
- **The final screening:**
  - We will directly notify results to winners, and the result and comments will be posted on our website around February 2020.

9. **Awards Ceremony & Party**
- March 2020 (To be announced)
- We will hold a ceremony at a venue in Kyoto City. Winners, screening committee members and publishers, etc. will be invited for celebration.

10. **Remarks**
- Submission is limited to one work per applicant.
- We do not accept any works which have already been submitted to other awards and being under screening. (Prohibition of submission to multiple awards.)
- We do not accept any revisions to a work or request of returning the work, once it has been submitted. If necessary, please make a copy in advance.
- We do not respond to any inquiries about screening process.
- An ownership of a publication right of the awarded work will be determined after a consultation between Kyoto Literature Award Executive Committee and collaborating publishers.
- Any personal information obtained through the application process will not be used for any other purposes than those related to this Award.