

Special Note Related to Sustainability

1 Compliance with the Code of Sustainable Procurement

As the Japan Association for the International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”) aims to operate a sustainable expo, it has formulated the Code of Sustainable Procurement, prescribing standards and operational procedures, etc. to achieve sustainable procurement of goods, services, and works.

Parties and exhibitors, etc. who enter into a contract with the Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties, etc.”) are requested to understand the contents and standards, etc. of the Code of Sustainable Procurement and comply with the said Code in the fulfilment of their contracts.

2 Submission of Check Sheet and Letter of Commitment

Those who wish to enter into a contract or become an exhibitor, etc. are required to submit the Implementation of Actions to Ensure Sustainability (Check Sheet) to the Association in advance. (Any entity that submits a quotation or wishes to become an exhibitor is required to submit the Check Sheet in Excel format.)

In addition, the Contracting Parties, etc. are required to submit the Letter of Commitment for Ensuring Sustainability to the Association at the time of entering into a contract.

(If the contract format specified by the Association is not used, the Letter of Commitment shall be submitted at the time of the placement of the order or at the time of the contract.)

3 Special Provisions for Ensuring Sustainability

The following special provisions are added to the contract.

(If the contract format specified by the Association is not used, the following provisions shall serve as special specifications.)

Ensuring Sustainability

Article 1

Parties and exhibitors, etc. who enter into a contract with the Japan Association for the International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama (the “Association”) (hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties, etc.”) shall promote a wide range of initiatives to ensure sustainability, such as compliance with laws and regulations and consideration for the environment, human rights, labour, fair business practices, and the local economy, while working on firmly establishing a sustainability-oriented mindset in wider society.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties, etc. shall, in performance of their contracts, make efforts to understand the Code of Sustainable Procurement (hereinafter referred to as the “Procurement Code”) separately prescribed by the Association, and shall comply with the Procurement Code.

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Article 3

The Contracting Parties, etc. shall make efforts to disclose and explain the implementation status of actions to comply with the Procurement Code, including investigation of and engagement with their supply chains, if the Association requests them to report on the status.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties, etc. shall provide cooperation if the Association requests them to go through verification and/or monitoring processes of the Association or audits by a third party designated by the Association, with respect to their compliance with the Procurement Code. Provided, however, this does not apply if the Contracting Parties, etc. have a valid reason that prevents them from providing cooperation.

Article 5

If the Association demands remedial measures due to noncompliance of the Procurement Code by the Contracting Parties, etc., the Contracting Parties, etc. must implement remedial measures and report the results to the Association.