

Arts Council Tokyo FY2023 Program Line-Up Announced

Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) is pleased to announce the finalized line-up of programs for FY2023.

FY2023 initiatives

■ New artistic and cultural creation, generating opportunities for participation and appreciation

Based on specialized knowledge and expertise accumulated to date, we aim to create an environment where anyone can enjoy arts and culture anytime, anywhere through cultural projects and the resources of metropolitan cultural facilities. Central to this aim are the following projects: **Civic Creative Base Tokyo (CCBT)**, an activity base for people to demonstrate their creativity in the community through the use of digital technology; **TOKYO Smart Culture Project**, which will provide firsthand experiences of art appreciation in various forms using the latest technology – for example the digitization of cultural resources such as the collections owned by metropolitan cultural facilities and exhibitions/performances etc.; and **Creative Well-being Tokyo** which will work towards the expansion and improvement of environments allowing diverse people including the elderly, people with disabilities, infants and people with roots overseas to participate in cultural projects and create together.

■ Expansion of support for artistic and cultural activities in Tokyo and for those involved in them

To sustain and enhance creative activities for artists, we are setting up a support initiative, the **Tokyo Artistic and Cultural Activities Support Center (provisional title)** based on three key support mechanisms: a consultation service, programs providing support information, and courses/lectures. In addition, we will strengthen support artists and others in programs such as **Improving the Creative Environment for Artists**, which provides activity space for artists seeking places to engage in creative work, and **Support for the Proposal and Creation by Young Artists (provisional title)**, programs that widen opportunities to young artists.

For further details, please see the attached list of projects.

1. Strategic Planning Programs
2. Support Programs <Grants and Project Support>
3. Creation Programs <Hands-on, Interactive Programs>
4. Human Resource Development Programs
5. Network Building Programs

● Arts Council Tokyo

We develop a variety of programs to encourage the creation and dissemination of arts and culture and to promote Tokyo as an international city of artistic and cultural attractions. Arts Council Tokyo plays a key role in Tokyo's cultural policies by improving the infrastructure and environment for new artistic and cultural creation, implementing programs that explore Tokyo's originality and diversity, promoting international cultural exchange, and providing opportunities for promising young people who engage in a variety of artistic and cultural pursuits.

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1	Strategic Planning Programs
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In these programs, we strive for new artistic and cultural creation and to generate opportunities for participation, leveraging planning and coordination that takes into account the entire organization of Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture).

TOKYO Smart Culture Project

This is a project to digitize, record and preserve cultural resources such as the collections owned by metropolitan cultural facilities and activities at the facilities including exhibitions and performances, as well as to provide hands-on experiences of art appreciation in various forms. We aim to create an environment where anyone can enjoy arts and culture anytime, anywhere through an integrated push towards online availability of cultural resources, the creation of new ways to experience and enjoy arts and culture using cutting-edge technology, and the accompanying development of each facility’s information environment.

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period
Enhancement of Digital Archives	Online, Metropolitan cultural facilities	Throughout the year
<p>We will promote the construction of a system enabling online availability of collection-related material from six metropolitan museums (Edo-Tokyo Museum, Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, and Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum) and the expansion of public access to this material. We will operate Tokyo Museum Collection (ToMuCo), a database enabling cross-searches of material and works in these collections. In addition, we will conduct basic research on digitizing and making available online collection materials and valuable resources.</p>		
Development of New Programs Utilizing ICT	Online, Edo-Tokyo Museum, Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, Civic Creative Base Tokyo (CCBT)	Throughout the year
<p>We will plan and develop new programs that actively utilize ICT, based on development of the information environment and the construction of digital archives. In addition to releasing a follow-up of the smartphone app Hyper Edohaku, we will expand the app with new interactive content. We also plan to develop a guide app offering visitors to Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum explanation/commentary about the buildings and related material using AR (Augmented Reality) technology.</p>		

Civic Creative Base Tokyo (CCBT)

Civic Creative Base Tokyo (CCBT) opened in October 2022 as an activity base for "civic creativity" where people can demonstrate their creativity in the community through the use of digital technology. Equipped with space that includes a laboratory and a studio, the center will be a driving force for creating innovation from Tokyo through a variety of programs such as workshops.

Creative Well-being Tokyo

This project is aimed at building an environment where everyone can access and enjoy arts and culture through metropolitan cultural facilities and cultural projects. As well as expanding and improving the environment allowing diverse people including the elderly, people with disabilities, infants and people with roots overseas to participate in cultural projects and create together, we will work on program validation, program model development, and on-site practice and research. In partnership with metropolitan cultural facilities, cultural projects, and NPOs etc. engaging in social issues in the community, we will promote and disseminate initiatives necessary for arts and culture going forward.

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period
Creative Well-being Tokyo *Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture Collaboration Project	Metropolitan cultural facilities, etc., various locations in Tokyo	Throughout the year
<p>In addition to working to improve the environment and infrastructure of metropolitan cultural facilities and cultural projects, as a partner program we will implement research, verification, and development related to accessibility. Furthermore, we will hold a "Summer Session" of discussions and exhibitions on the theme of information accessibility support and interactive experience of arts and culture in cultural facilities and cultural projects with experts from university institutions and cultural facilities, and people directly affected such as those with disabilities.</p>		
TURN LAND Program	Various locations in Tokyo	Throughout the year
<p>This is a program in which welfare facilities and social support groups plan and implement art projects together with artists. By rolling out two initiatives, "TURN LAND" and "Pre-LAND," we will create even more engaging activities in daily life while we deepen our understanding of diverse values and characteristics through project practices. The implementation process will be accompanied by coordinators, who will provide operational support according to situational requirements on the ground. In parallel with the running of the project we will also offer a platform for mutual learning.</p>		

In order to support creative activities that enhance the appeal of Tokyo's arts and culture and communicate them to the world, artistic activities that promote local culture and traditional performing arts, and artistic activities that tackle various social and urban issues, we offer grant programs tailored to each purpose. In addition, we will provide multifaceted support enabling artists etc. to continue with and develop their activities. This will include offering comprehensive support information through consultation services and lecture programs related to artistic and cultural activities, as well as providing workspaces and opportunities for creation and presentation.

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period
Startup Grant	In Tokyo or overseas	First open call: July 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 Second open call: October 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Third open call: January 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024 Fourth open call: April 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024
We will provide support for up-and-coming artists and arts organizations taking on the challenge of fresh artistic and creative activities, and who aspire to become active in Tokyo's arts scene. Aimed towards participation in performances, exhibitions, art projects, and international festivals in Tokyo or overseas as well as international collaborations etc., we provide startup support allowing young talent to lay the groundwork for future artistic endeavors.		
Creation Grant Category I [Single Year]	In Tokyo or overseas	First term: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Second term: January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024
To support both the diverse creative activities that help to enhance Tokyo's appeal as a city and the people involved in them, we offer grants to Tokyo-based artists and arts organizations to cover part of the cost of their activities. Through the Category I [Single Year] grants, we provide support for performances, exhibitions, art projects, and other creative activities in Tokyo, as well as supporting international artistic exchange activities undertaken within Tokyo or overseas.		
Creation Grant Category II [Long Term]	In Tokyo or overseas	Two-year grant: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 Three-year grant: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
To support both the diverse creative activities that help to enhance Tokyo's appeal as a city and the people involved in them, we offer grants to Tokyo-based arts organizations to cover part of the cost of their activities. Through the Category II [Long Term] grants, we encourage creative activities by supporting not only the presentation of works, but also the process of creating them including research, tryouts, etc. In addition, we provide two or three years of financial support to assist arts organizations in taking their activities to the next level.		
Creation Grant Category III Creative Environment ([Long Term] [Single Year])	In Tokyo or overseas	[Long Term] Two-year grant: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 Three-year grant: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026 [Single Year] First term: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Second term: January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024
To support both the diverse creative activities that help to enhance Tokyo's appeal as a city and the people involved in them, we offer grants to Tokyo-based arts organizations to cover part of the cost of their activities. Through the Category III [Creative Environment] grants, we provide up to three years of financial assistance for broader perspective activities covering the field as a whole and tackling challenges in the artistic and creative environment.		

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period
Social Grant	In Tokyo or overseas	First term: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 Second term: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024
<p>This program provides financial support to Tokyo-based arts organizations, welfare organizations, and NPOs for artistic activities that involve people from various social environments working together and demonstrating their creativity while respecting each other's individuality, and activities that tap into the distinctive features of arts and culture to tackle various social and urban issues. We support pioneering activities that posit new significance for arts and culture in society, activities that promote approaches to arts that are open to everyone, and activities with a long-term perspective that steadily contribute to solving issues.</p>		
Regional Grant	In Tokyo	First term: April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 Second term: October 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024 Third term: March 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025
<p>With the aim of creating an environment allowing everyone to have contact with and participate in regional/local arts and culture, and of revitalizing and promoting regions through arts and culture, we support artistic and cultural activities that promote the cultivation and development of distinctive culture in each region of Tokyo, and initiatives designed to pass on the cultural assets and resources of each region into the future and spread the word about their appeal to a wide audience both inside and outside the region.</p>		
Traditional Arts Practice Grant	In Tokyo	September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024
<p>This program provides financial support for projects offering encounters with a variety of traditional performing arts that are accessible even to complete novices and which provide them with opportunities for continuing engagement. It aims to promote the development of traditional performing arts by providing opportunities for people to experience for themselves the fascination of traditional performing arts, and by expanding the number of people who take lessons on a daily basis.</p>		
Grant for Artistic City	In Tokyo	First term: July 16, 2023 - July 15, 2024 Second term: December 16, 2023 - December 15, 2024 (Scheduled)
<p>We offer grants to cover part of the costs of creative activities including festivals and art projects in various genres which take place in Tokyo and are jointly created by numerous organizations and participants, as well as innovative and sustainable projects capable of communicating Tokyo's appeal.</p>		
Life with Art Grant	In Tokyo	September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024 (Scheduled)
<p>There are myriad ways to enjoy the arts and culture – creating art, experiencing works and performances, owning and collecting artworks, incorporating art into one's daily life, supporting the arts as a volunteer, and more. Along with these activities, we will introduce lesser-known and completely new approaches to the enjoyment of art, supporting projects and infrastructure which create opportunities for Tokyo residents to become better acquainted with artistic and cultural activities. Through this grant program we aim to increase the number of people involved in the arts and culture and to create a virtuous circle by making artworks an integral part of the lives of people in Tokyo, and by making inroads in the development of infrastructure for expanding the scope of artists' activities.</p>		
Performing Arts Grant (provisional title)	In Tokyo	To be confirmed
<p>Open to small and medium-sized arts and cultural organizations (in the performing arts field) that support the diversity of arts and culture in Tokyo, this program provides partial financial support for expenses related to performance with the aim of supporting the creation and dissemination of new arts and culture. Applications will be conducted twice a year.</p>		

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period
Improving the Creative Environment for Artists	In Tokyo	START Box SasaHataHatsu (Scheduled) First term: April 17, 2023 - June 28, 2023 Second term: July 10, 2023 - September 27, 2023 *Applications after October to be conducted separately
<p>This program provides support for sustainable creative activities by utilizing vacant private sector properties and offering them at affordable rates to young artists who find it difficult to secure studios and other workspaces. In April 2023 we will open START Box SasaHataHatsu, which makes use of vacant stores in municipal residences along Suido Doro(road over buried river) in Shibuya-ku.</p>		
Support for the Proposal and Creation by Young Artists (provisional title)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
<p>This project aims to promote Tokyo's contemporary art scene by using the opportunity of art events to support the proposal and creation of young artists mainly active in arts and visual arts to stimulate a boost to their activities.</p>		

Tokyo Artistic and Cultural Activities Support Center (provisional title)

We are establishing a new support service to support sustainable activities by artists and leaders in the field of arts and culture. While collaborating with external specialists etc., the center will support artists and others in various ways through three functions: (1) offering a consultation service (2) providing information and (3) offering educational initiatives.

This project is implemented in partnership with artistic and cultural groups and art-focused nonprofit organizations. By forming culture creation hubs and providing hands-on, interactive programs for children and young people among others, we will develop an environment in which as many people as possible can independently get involved in creative activities in the field of arts and culture. In addition, we will create new Tokyo cultures and promote them worldwide through festivals.

Organizing Festivals and Hands-on, Interactive Programs

We enhance and publicize artistic and cultural creation activities and seek to pass them on to the next generation through hands-on interactive programs, as well as through festivals.

【Festivals】

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period (Scheduled)	
Traditional Culture and Performing Arts	Kagurazaka Street Stage O-edo Tour 2023 (Japanese Traditional Culture Festival)	Kagurazaka area	Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, 2023
	We will hold a festival that everyone can participate in and feel attached to traditional performing arts in the Kagurazaka area, where the traditional blends with the modern.		
	Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2023	Hama-rikyu Gardens	Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15, 2023
		Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum	Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, 2023
	In one of Tokyo's most notable gardens and an open-air museum, we will hold large-scale tea ceremonies that bring together different tea schools. The elegant surroundings and an atmosphere that everyone – including non-Japanese and others unfamiliar with tea culture – will find readily accessible and enjoyable provide a broad introduction to people both within Japan and overseas of traditional tea ceremony culture, and the Edo-Tokyo culture that nurtured it.		
	Legendary Tamatebako (Treasure Box) - Tama Traditional Culture Festival 2023	JR Hachioji Station North Exit area (Nishihoshasen-You road), Icho Hall, etc.	Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5, 2023
Making the most of the cultural resources of the Tama region including Hachioji City, this festival is something that can be enjoyed by everyone, even those unfamiliar with traditional culture and performing arts. It features a diverse lineup including outdoor performances and interactive experiences on the street.			
Theater and Dance	Tokyo Festival 2023	Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre, etc.	September - November 2023
	Tokyo Festival is an urban international performing arts festival that mainly takes place in the Ikebukuro area. The event features a program of performances in a wide range of genres such as outdoor theater and touring productions from overseas, art projects that everybody can take part in, and talent development initiatives designed to produce personnel to work on the global arts scene.		
	Shibuya StreetDance Week 2023	Yoyogi Park	Thursday, November 23, 2023
Based in Shibuya, the mecca of street dancers, this street dance festival will tap into a variety of forms to highlight the appeal and intrinsic value of street dance, offering opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate.			

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period (Scheduled)
Fine Art, Film, and Art Project	Roppongi Art Night 2023	Roppongi area
	<p>Using Roppongi's varied cluster of cultural and commercial facilities as its backdrop, this artistic feast creates an array of extraordinary experiences. The event offers a diverse program that sees a range of different works scattered through the district, showcasing artworks, music, film, performance, and more.</p>	

【Hands-on, Interactive Programs】

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period (Scheduled)
Traditional Culture and Performing Arts Experience Program for Kids	Elementary, junior high, and high schools and special needs schools in Tokyo	May 2023 - March 2024
<p>Within the framework of school education, we will organize programs featuring young performers etc. as instructors which combine hands-on experience with the viewing of performances. The aim is to give children, the leaders of the next generation, a deeper understanding of the value of Japanese culture, as well as instilling in them a broader understanding of diverse forms of culture by giving them the opportunity to encounter and experience for themselves Japan's traditional culture and performing arts.</p>		
Traditional Performing Arts for Kids	Geino-Kadensha, Umewaka Noh Theatre, National Noh Theatre, Asakusa Public Hall, etc.	September 2023 - March 2024
<p>Over several months, leading performers in the traditional performing arts will provide participating children with face-to-face, regular and continuous instruction, culminating in a full-fledged performance showcasing what they have learned. This program aims to enhance Tokyo's cultural appeal and pass on the traditional performing arts to the next generation by providing children with opportunities to learn about the cultural environment, including the spirit, sensibilities, and respectful attitude that Japanese people have valued since ancient times, through training in the traditional performing arts.</p>		
Performance Kids Tokyo	Cultural facilities, elementary and junior high schools in Tokyo, etc.	Throughout the year
<p>Professional performing artists in fields such as dance, theater, and music will hold workshops at schools, cultural facilities and children's care facilities over a period of about 10 days, creating original works in which the lead roles are played by the children and culminating in performances on the final day. Artists will make use of the children's ideas in the creative process, helping to cultivate the children's creativity and independence, and improve their communication skills.</p>		
Traditional Culture and Performing Arts Experience Program for Adults	4 locations in Tokyo	4 days between September 2023 - March 2024 (4 x 1 day event)
<p>This is a program that combines lectures, performances, and hands-on experiences regarding various genres of traditional culture and performing arts. We will introduce the appeal of traditional culture and performing arts from different angles in an easy-to-understand manner.</p>		

Forming Hubs for Culture Creation (Tokyo Artpoint Project)

This is an initiative that creates numerous "art points" via art projects undertaken in partnership with NPOs that play a key role in their local communities. Our ambition is to create and communicate aspects of Tokyo's diverse allure, while implementing art projects that connect people, towns, and activities within the metropolis and fit seamlessly into the everyday life of the community, as well as nurturing the NPOs that will lead the projects and putting in place the infrastructure for these activities. (Year-round program)

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Co-organizer(s)
HAPPY TURN/Kouzushima	Kouzushima Village	Shimaclass Kouzushima (General Incorporated Association)
<p>Set in Kouzushima village, a place where a rich natural environment, myths and legends, and a unique culture linger on, this project is designed to encourage people to feel attached to island life and relate to the island as their own. We explore pointers on how to live our lives going forward, on the basis that a "happy turn" is the catalyst for the changes we make for ourselves through encounters with new values and discoveries. The project connects not only people who have always lived on the island, but also migrants, sightseers, and those who have moved away from the island, and provides an opportunity to learn about each other's perspectives and cultures.</p>		
Fantasia! Fantasia!: A community where lifestyles are made real	Sumida City	Gate (General Incorporated Association)
<p>The Bokuto area (the northeastern part of Tokyo's Sumida City), where many artists still live as a result of a resident-led art project in the 2000s, provides the setting for this project, an attempt to create a learning forum to foster the creativity required for living a spiritually enriched life through encounters between local people, artists and researchers. Through insights gleaned from dialogue with others, participants will continue to broaden their imagination, and prepare small experiments to deconstruct their own conventional wisdom and sense of what is "ordinary."</p>		
Artist Collective Fuchu [ACF]	Fuchu City	Artist Collective Fuchu [ACF] (NPO)
<p>This project attracting participants of diverse occupations and ages living in Fuchu City in the suburbs of Tokyo aims to use expressions in familiar forms and with an everyday outlook to make Fuchu a place where everyone can freely express themselves. ACF creates an environment enabling people to experience different viewpoints, respect each other's differences, and create free and dynamic forms of expression. The project is run in collaboration with people in a variety of positions including those in government and corporate roles, citizens etc.</p>		
ACKT (Art Center Kunitachi)	Kunitachi City	Kunitachi City, Kunitachi Arts and Sports Foundation, ACKT (General Incorporated Association)
<p>This project creates new community values through interaction and exchange between local government, citizens and people inside and outside the city with the aim of realizing the "Kunitachi City Basic Plan for Promoting Culture and the Arts," a scheme which champions the area as a city rich in culture and the arts. The project addresses latent social challenges in Kunitachi City and the Tama region through the creation of hubs and programs incorporating art and design perspectives.</p>		
Future Topography in Motion, Tama Cleaving Art Meeting	Tama region	Artfull Action (NPO)
<p>Based on the special cultural and historical characteristics of the Tama region, this project enables the individual to take a fresh look at the place they live by exploring its "topography." The NPO behind the project works like an intermediary support in the Tama area, collaborating with various organizations such as educational institutions and children's care facilities to carry out a variety of programs. In addition, organizers are pushing ahead with the creation of a network infrastructure to tackle today's social challenges.</p>		

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Co-organizer(s)
Karoku Recycle	Koto City, etc.	NOOK (General Incorporated Association)
<p>This is a project to widely share recorded material – a sort of "documentation of disaster (karoku) " – accumulated in areas that have experienced disaster, to share the knowledge and techniques for expression related to disaster prevention and resilience, and to share the challenges involved. The aim is to form a network helping people live through the inter-disaster period together and helping them prepare for the next disaster, and which can also be put to use after a disaster.</p>		
KINO Meeting	Various locations in Tokyo	Pantanal (General Incorporated Association)
<p>This project is a series of workshops in various areas of the city which center around the creation of a film with people who have backgrounds overseas in some way. Filmmaking activity revolving around encounters and dialog with people from different backgrounds will create the opportunity to gain new perspectives on "community" in Tokyo as well as the "roots" of oneself and others. The project is also aimed at community building and the research and development of programs which participants can proactively engage in.</p>		
metote-lab	Various locations in Tokyo	ooo (General Incorporated Association)
<p>This is a project revolving around deaf people, the hard-of-hearing and CODA (children of deaf adults) who converse via visual language (Japanese sign language). Together with people who have different physicalities and sensory worlds, we create opportunities for generating communication from the starting point of the physical sensibilities and "language" of the individual. While reexamining the culture that has developed through sign language, and tracing the perspectives and words associated with it, we study and develop approaches to the question of how people with diverse backgrounds communicate with each other based on acknowledgment of their cultural differences.</p>		
Artpoint Meeting	To be confirmed	
<p>Using towns and communities as their domain, art projects get close to people's lives, and present questions through art. This series of talk events seeks to unravel the mysteries of art projects and investigate the latest themes. These meetings will bring together people with an interest in art projects to explore the relationship between society and art and craft a new "language" for it.</p>		
Tokyo Art Research Lab (TARL)	Arts Council Tokyo, etc.	
<p>This is a learning-focused program for people who practice art projects. It aims to broaden the horizons of art projects in the community by cultivating talent, developing skills tailored to front-line challenges and providing and archiving various materials. The program includes lectures for art project leaders, and research and development which aims to enhance the environment for/develop the technological aspects of art projects.</p>		

We foster diverse future leaders who will drive arts and culture in Tokyo.

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period (Scheduled)
Talents Tokyo 2023	To be confirmed (in Tokyo)	Monday, October 30 - Saturday, November 4, 2023
<p>In partnership with the Berlin International Film Festival, this program will see young Asians who aspire to become filmmakers and producers invited to Tokyo for an event that aims to cultivate the hidden talents of those with the potential to become the great directors and producers of tomorrow, in order to enhance efforts to create and disseminate culture from Tokyo in the world of film. With professionals drawn from the ranks of directors, producers and world sales as instructors, it will provide the know-how required to achieve success on the global stage and opportunities to build international networks of connections.</p>		
Arts Academy: Accounting /tax for arts and culture	Arts Council Tokyo, etc.	Throughout the year
<p>Featuring as lecturers licensed accountants who work as experts in the arts and culture sector, the course offers a multipronged program based on the components of a diverse activity base. Each lecture on the course will provide basic knowledge of accounting and taxation, as well as hints for sustainable management of organizations and business. It also outlines new accounting systems etc. and provides useful knowledge for a variety of people in leadership roles.</p>		
Arts Academy: Capacity Building Course for Leaders in Arts and Culture	Arts Council Tokyo, etc.	Throughout the year
<p>This course seeks to identify and nurture the next generation of leaders in arts and culture, to ensure that they can bring to bear deep insight and a broad outlook when thinking about the role of arts and culture in society and putting this thinking into practice. Adopting a multifaceted perspective, it aims to provide support in capacity building to hone the thinking abilities and skills required by a variety of individuals involved in creative artistic and cultural activities, in order to solve the challenges presented by their activities and achieve their goals. The course features practical lectures and discussions, with participants preparing and presenting reports on problem-solving/value creation strategies.</p>		
Arts Academy: Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre Professional Development Training Program	Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre, etc.	Throughout the year
<p>This training program is aimed at helping young people who aspire to work in public cultural facilities, arts organizations, etc. to change careers to the field of performing arts and enhance their talents as producers. Through on-the-job training, lectures, and seminars, this arts management course provides the required knowledge and skills, and also helps participants to build networks of connections with performing arts professionals at other theaters with the aim of nurturing talent who will play a pivotal role in theater management in future.</p>		
Overseas Study Visit Program for Arts Management Professionals (provisional title)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
<p>On this program, promising young arts management professionals are sent for a short term on study visit to cutting-edge festivals, cultural facilities and platforms that bring together people involved in arts and culture overseas. The aim is to develop network with directors and producers overseas, thereby helping to expand the future activities of leaders in the arts and culture of Tokyo.</p>		

We network with arts and culture-related organizations, cultural facilities and institutions, developing various collaborative programs and creating opportunities to improve Tokyo's cultural presence as an international city.

Program/Project	Venue/Area	Period
Arts Council Forum	To be confirmed (In Tokyo)	To be confirmed
<p>We organize forums which deal with current and important themes in the field of art and culture. Our mission is to be a center for the transmission and discussion of artistic and cultural activities that affirm and enhance Tokyo's presence as an international city, through discussion among arts councils, facilities and institutions for artistic and cultural exchange, artists and researchers in Japan and other countries.</p>		