

Application Guidelines for 2023 “Local Revitalization Cooperator”

Tosa town, Kochi prefecture

Tosa Town, located in Kochi Prefecture, is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty, surrounded by lush mountain forests and charming rural landscapes. Situated at the heart of Shikoku, this town is home to around 3,600 residents. It serves as the source of the Yoshino River, a watercourse that flows into Tokushima Prefecture, and it's also the site of the Sameura Dam, which plays a crucial role as a water source for the entire Shikoku Island.

In recent times, the town has fully embraced the principles of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in its regional planning. Committed to nurturing sustainable development that finds a balance between the economy, environment, and society, the town's ambition is to create a sustainable region that places the well-being of each individual at the forefront. Anchored in the values of the SDGs and the well-being of its residents, our overarching goal is to establish a resilient community where no one will be left behind.

We are enthusiastic about highlighting the captivating attributes of these towns to a wider Japanese audience and a global community. Despite Tosa Town's natural attractiveness as a living destination, the substantial population decline and the aging demographic present significant hurdles. Given the diminishing population, there are constraints on the effectiveness of local self-help initiatives. To genuinely revitalize the town, it is essential to secure collaboration from sources beyond our immediate locality, extending even to international spheres outside of Japan.

We are actively seeking individuals who resonate with the town's objectives and are willing to collaborate with us in this endeavor. We are particularly interested in individuals who have a passion for showcasing the allure of Japan's mountain village regions to a global audience. Here are the specifics:

1 . Number of applicants

Local Revitalization Cooperator (in Japanese: Chiiki Okoshi Kyoryokutai) 1 person

2 . Terms of application

Those who are at least 18 years old as of April 1st 2023 and meet all of the following conditions

- 1) Those who currently reside in an "urban area "** and are able to move their living base to Tosa town and transfer their certificate of residence after being hired
- 2) Those who are physically and mentally healthy and willing to work actively and cooperate with other related persons and local residents.
- 3) Those who have obtained a regular driver's license.
- 4) Those who can use general business software such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- 5) Those who wish to continue to be associated with Tosa town after the employment period.

【Preferred Terms and Conditions (Not required)】

- 1) Expertise in information distribution

2) Writing skills that can attract a large number of readers

3) Photography and video production skills

*"Urban areas" are defined as urban areas within the three major metropolitan areas, cities designated by government ordinance, and urban areas outside the three major metropolitan areas.

(Note 1) Within the three metropolitan areas are all of Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Gifu, Aichi, Mie, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, and Nara prefectures.

(Note 2) In the case of a government ordinance-designated city that has been designated as a disadvantaged area, the current place of residence shall be limited to the area subject to the disadvantaged area designation.

(Note 3) Disadvantaged areas are defined as municipalities that have any of the following target areas or designated areas (1) through (7), and urban areas are defined as municipalities that do not fall under any of these areas.

(1) Act on Special Measures for Self-Reliance Promotion of Depopulated Areas (including deemed depopulated and partially depopulated areas),

(2) Mountain Village Development Act,

(3) Remote Islands Development Act,

(4) Peninsula Development Act,

(5) Amami Islands Development Special Measures Act,

(6) Ogasawara Islands Development Special Measures Act,

(7) Okinawa Development Special Measures Act

3 . Application Process

1) Application period

August, 10th, 2023 – August 31st, 2023

※During this period, interviews will be conducted as soon as applications are received.

Recruitment will be closed once the successful applicant is selected.

2) Documents required to be submitted

① Application Form

② Career Resume (handwritten or written on computer, with photo attached.)

③ Report paper

Theme: "The Appeal of the Japanese Countryside"

• One A4-size sheet of paper (horizontally written with at least 500 words)

• Any format is acceptable. However, the applicant's name must be placed in the upper right corner of the form.

【PDF submission available】

We will accept applications by e-mail. Submitted documents will not be returned.

▪Address for application

Email: tosat-21@town.tosa.lg.jp

4 . Selection Processes

1) First round of selection

Screening of documents. You will be notified of the results after the selection process.

2) Second round of selection

Online Interview

3) Notification of the results

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection by email.

5 . Starting date of work

The exact details will be decided through discussions with the selected candidate (anticipated to commence on or after October 1st, 2023).

6 . Description of work

Place of work	Mainly in Tosa town
Duties and Responsibilities	<p>Promotion of Tosa Town's attractions within and outside of Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing articles to promote Tosa town• Production of videos to promote Tosa town• Information distribution using the social networking service (mainly to people outside Japan)• Planning and proposal of activities to promote Tosa town outside of Japan• Planning of measures for Tosa town to increase inbound traffic <p>【objectives】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To increase the number of people outside of Japan who know about Tosa town and the appeal of the Japanese countryside.• Increase in the number of foreigners visiting Tosa town through inbound tourism, etc. <p>※Perform the above duties within the scope of 124 hours per month.</p>
employment status	part-time employee
Salary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 185,000 yen / month• Two bonuses per year.• Total annual payout is approximately 2,800,000 yen (pre-tax)
Insurance Coverage	Health insurance, employee pension, unemployment insurance, workers' accident compensation insurance
Days and hours required to work	In principle, 4 days per week (124 hours per month)

period of employment	From the date of employment to March 31, 2024. It will extend based on work status.
Residence	Prepared by Tosa town hall and rent paid by the town.
Expenses for activities	The Town will cover the cost of fuel, business travel, supplies, communications, and other expenses required for the activity within the budgeted amount.
Remarks	If permitted by the Mayor, you can engage in dual employment with earnings or income on your days off.