

# Handbell Ringers of Japan 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Asia Festival Registration



Date: August 18 (Fri) to 20 (Sun)

Venue: Sendai International Center

Participating Countries : Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, USA, England, Australia, others

Hosted by: NPO Handbell Ringers of Japan

Supported by: Miyagi Prefecture, City of Sendai etc.

## Schedule of Events

Day1(Aug. 18)	Day2(Aug. 19)	Day3(Aug. 20)
AM Registration, Set-up	8:30 Handbell Basics	8:00 Sunday Service
13:00 Opening Ceremony	Massed Rehearsal	Massed Rehearsal
Handbell Basics	10:00 Solo Concert(~18:00)	Group Massed Rehearsal
Massed Rehearsal	Group Photo	Run-through
Group Massed Rehearsal	Group Massed Rehearsal	14:00 Final Concert
Workshop	Workshop	(17:30 farewells)
Dinner & Social	18:30 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony	
	Dinner(~21:00)	

※subject to change

# Registering for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival

## ■Registration

1. Registrant must be a registered member of the HRJ or an organization in the IHC member countries.
2. Must be in Junior High School or above unless with chaperone(s).
3. There must be at least one chaperone to any group with minors.
4. Must be able to attend all three days of the Festival.

■Registration Fee      25,000 yen / person (tax included)

### Registration includes

Dinner on the first day, Lunch and Dinner on the Second day, Lunch on the Third day.  
Access to all areas for the festival, workshop, Final Concert and Solo Concert performance.

### Registration DOES NOT include

Transportation to and from the Convention Center, accommodation, breakfast, insurance,  
music for Massed Ringing/Festival Choir, Foam

### Cancellation Policy

We will send you notification for payments and cancellation policy after you submit your registration form.

## ■Other

### [Foam Purchase]

Foam can be purchased only on a pre-order basis.

2,200 yen / piece (1 piece = W60cm x L60cm x H10cm) Japanese standard table size is W60cm x L180cm. You will need 3 pieces of foam per table.

### [Access to Sendai International Center]

By Train: 1.5 hours from Tokyo Station to Sendai Station on the Shinkansen (bullet train).  
5 minutes from Sendai Station by subway or 7 minutes by taxi.

By Air: 25m minutes from Sendai Airport to Sendai Station by train. 50 minutes from Sendai Airport by taxi.

※Please schedule to arrive at the Sendai International Center between 10:00 to 12:30 on the 18<sup>th</sup> in order to be ready for setting up your table and bells.

[Accommodation]

There are no hotels within walking distance to the Sendai International Center. There will be hotels with special rates available for registrants in the Sendai city area. The International Center is 5 minutes from most areas in the central Sendai City area. Information will be available shortly  
Room Rates will vary from 7,000 yen to 13,000 per room with breakfast.

[Your Instruments]

We require all groups to bring your own instruments for the Massed Ringing and Solo performances. If you would like to send your instruments from your landing airport to Sendai, we can provide services to pick them up at the airport when you arrive.

[Post Festival Ringing Tour]

The HRJ will also be hosting an optional post-festival Ringing Tour starting from the evening of August 20<sup>th</sup> and returning to Tokyo on the night of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The tour will sightsee many of the beautiful areas in the Tohoku region and ending with a grand concert in the city of Oyama. It will be a wonderful experience to ring and travel with ringers and directors from all over the world!!

■ Important dates and deadlines

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017..... Registration Deadline

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017..... Registration Fee due

April, 2017 ..... Final Information will be available

May, 2017 ..... Workshop registration deadline, Solo performance titles deadline

August. 2017 ..... 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival

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## Program of Events

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### Massed Ringing

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The Massed Ringing will be rehearsed and performed at the Final Concert by the entire group at the Final Concert. There will be two Massed Ringing pieces by two conductors from the HRJ.

Massed Ringing Conductor    Yasuhiro Otsuka (HRJ Board Member)  
   Makoto Nakamura (conductor at Yamagata Gakuin)  
   ※Massed Ringing pieces will be announced shortly

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### Group Massed Ringing

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The large group will be put into two different groups for the Group Massed Ringing. We are planning conductors from Japan, USA, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore.

※Conductors and repertoire will be announced shortly.

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### Workshop

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All registrants of the Asia Festival will be able to attend up to 3 workshop sessions from a variety of workshops offered by experienced musicians/conductors/directors. There will be many sessions that will provide skills and musicality for handbells. International workshops will also introduce cultures from the many different countries represented. Workshop details will be released in the Spring of 2017.

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### Festival Choir

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The Festival Choir will meet at the workshop sessions to rehearse for the Final Concert performance.

Group A & B will each have an Advanced group and Intermediate group with 2 directors from Japan and one each from the USA and England. Those who choose to ring in the Festival Choir will not be able to take other workshop classes. Details will be released in the Spring of 2017

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### Solo Concerts

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All groups that will participate can choose to perform a Solo Performance at the Festival. The concerts will be held on August 19th and will be open to the public.

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### HRJ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony

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August 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony will be held.

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### Final Concert

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On the last day of the Festival, the Final Concert will be held at the Sendai International Center. Tickets will be sold to the general public. Massed Ringing, representing choirs from participating countries and the Festival Choir will perform.

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### Others

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Handbell Ringing Basic Techniques, Social Events, and exhibitions will be introduced for registrants to learn about the history of the HRJ in the past 40 years.