2025 AFID Kaoru Star Raft Awards 星槎賞

Application Form & Guidelines for Applicants

Purpose of the Awards

The AFID Kaoru Star Raft Awards recognizes outstanding activities and contributions in the field of intellectual or developmental disabilities within AFID member countries or regions.

In 2025, we have updated the award's official name to the AFID Kaoru Star Raft Awards, retaining "Kaoru" to honor the spirit of its founding purpose and the legacy of compassion and inclusion that inspired it.

The awards celebrate initiatives that promote inclusion, innovation, empowerment, and community participation for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Awards Details

- Number of Awards: Up to 3 (maximum).

The Selection Committee may choose to present fewer than 3 awards depending on the quality and number of applications.

- Prize: 20,000TWD for each awardee (equivalent to about 100,150 Japanese Yen)

- Presentation: At the Opening Ceremony of the 27th AFID Conference (Taipei, Taiwan, October 2025)

Eligibility Criteria

The nominated activity must fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Provision of medical care, rehabilitation or vocational support services for persons with developmental disabilities

- Innovative teaching or training methods in special schools, inclusive classrooms, or day care centers

- Expansion of inclusion in mainstream schools or communities

- Outstanding volunteer activities or community-based programs supporting persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities

- Advocacy and promotion of social inclusion, empowerment, or self-determination

Application Instructions

- Select an activity that demonstrates excellence, innovation, or significant contribution in the field of intellectual or developmental disabilities.
- Complete the Application Form (see below).
- Prepare Supporting Materials, including:
  - Activity reports or documentation
  - Photographs, videos, or media coverage (if available)
  - Testimonials or case studies (optional)
- Obtain a Letter of Support from your country's AFID Member Organization, stating clearly why the activity is nominated (maximum 1 page).
- All applications must be endorsed by the official AFID Member Organization in your country/region.
- Submit all materials by email to: 2025afid@gmail.com
- Subject: AFID Kaoru Star Raft Awards 2025 Application – [Your Country/Region]
- Deadline for Application: 31 August 2025
- Selection Announcement: Results will be informed by 30th September 2025.

Application Form

Country or Region:	
Local AFID Member Organization:	
Contact Person: Name: Address: Tel. & Fax: Email:	
Name of the Nominated Organization, Facility, or School:	
Name of the Activity:	
Summary of the Activity (500 words max): Please describe the activity's purpose, implementation, achievements, and impact.	
Supporting Materials Attached: ☐ Reports ☐ Photos	

☐ Videos ☐ PowerPoint Slides ☐ Other (please specify): _____	
Letter of Support: ☐ Attached (from AFID Member Organization in your country/ region)	

Contact Information for Submission & Inquiries

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27th Asian Federation on Intellectual Disabilities Conference
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Email: 2025afid@gmail.com
Deadline: 31 August 2025