

《2026 Fiscal Year》

# **25rd Annual**

Lifelong Learning Award

Award Enactment Outline

Kameoka City

## I. Aim / Intent

In 2001, Kameoka City established the “Lifelong Learning Award” with the goal of spreading the philosophy of the Kameoka Lifelong Learning City Declaration throughout Japan and all across the globe. The declaration states that “With respect for mankind as our foundation, we shall always ask ourselves what we ought to do, and continue to learn as long as we live. We shall improve ourselves, strengthen our solidarity, and use our accomplishments to grow the world around us” .

Originating in Kameoka and extending throughout various regions across the country, the promotion of city development through lifelong learning stands as the main goal of the “Lifelong Learning Award” . As the birthplace of Ishida Baigan (an important figure within Japan in the field of Lifelong Learning and forefather to the moral-education movement Sekimon Shingaku), Kameoka continues to strive towards realizing “a city that nurtures a rich heart and culture” . Kameoka hopes to contribute to the further cultivation of its citizen’ s awareness for lifelong learning, alongside widely improving cultural standards.

## II. Awarded by: Kameoka City

## III. Supporting Organizations:

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology  
National Association of Local Governments for Lifelong Learning

## IV. Award Criteria and Relevant Dates

### 1) Awards

◎ Lifelong Learning Grand Award 『Ishida Baigan Award』

◎ You・I Lifelong Learning Award 『Sen Tomiko Award』

※Not to be awarded this fiscal year.

◎ Lifelong Learning Inclusive Society Award 『Ueda Masaaki Award』

◎ Lifelong Learning Encouragement Award

※ The「Lifelong Learning Grand Award」and the「You・I Lifelong Learning Award」are to be awarded biennially. This year the 「Lifelong Learning Grand Award」 will be awarded.

2) Award Eligibility

These awards shall be presented to individuals or groups who have made considerable contributions to the promotion of lifelong learning not only within Japan, but also internationally.

○Lifelong Learning Grand Award 『Ishida Baigan Award』

An individual or group that, through longtime surveys and research in various fields, has made a considerable contribution to the promotion of lifelong learning.

○You・I Lifelong Learning Award 『Sen Tomiko Award』

An individual or group that follows the philosophy of “having respect for others” as stated in the “Lifelong Learning City” declaration, strives to create a society where individuals hold mutual respect for one another, has contributed to helping strengthening human connections through lifelong learning, and has made an especially considerable contribution towards the advancement of a gender-equal society.

○Lifelong Learning Inclusive Society Award 『Ueda Masaaki Award』

An individual or group that, “having respect for mankind and the awareness of being a member of the local community” (as stated in the “Lifelong Learning City” declaration), strives to create an inclusive society by contributing to the development of human resources and communities from both a local and global perspective.

○Lifelong Learning Encouragement Award

An individual or group that has embraced the spirit of the “Lifelong Learning City” declaration while promoting lifelong learning within the region.

### 3) Award Criteria

#### ○Lifelong Learning Grand Award 『Ishida Baigan Award』

- ① Achievement of remarkable results through tireless efforts in rediscovering Ishida Baigan's teachings of the importance, generosity and depth of the "heart".
- ② Prominent achievements on an international and local level over an extended period of study and/or research.
- ③ Development of advanced and unique activities which have become a model to others.

#### ○You・I Lifelong Learning Award 『Sen Tomiko Award』

- ① Achievements in creating a lifelong learning society. Mutually acknowledges the individuality and potential that each person offers, and contributes to the development of a gender-equal society through a position that respects inclusivity.
- ② Passionate and devoted towards the path of lifelong learning. Diligently contributes to cultural improvement within the society.
- ③ Development of advanced and unique activities which have become a model to others.

#### ○Lifelong Learning Inclusive Society Award

##### 『Ueda Masaaki Award』

- ① Respectful towards the mutual differences between one another, and heavily invested in the creative production of new ideas.
- ② Involvement in the implementation of projects and activities that help build a coexistent society through lifelong learning activities.
- ③ Development of advanced and unique projects that have become a model to many different people in society.

○Lifelong Learning Encouragement Award

- ① Proactive and sustained efforts in regionally-based lifelong learning projects.
- ② Involvement in projects that are tied to reinvigorating and upgrading community image through lifelong learning.
- ③ Development of advanced and unique activities which have become a model to others.

V. Recommendation Deadline

August 31<sup>th</sup> 2026 (Mon) 【No Exceptions】

VI. Recipient Selection

Deliberations will be made by the Lifelong Learning Award Selection Committee

**Selection Committee Members**

INOUE Mitsuo (Professor Emeritus, Kyoto Sangyo University)

SASAKI Johei (Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University)

NAGATA Moe (Illustrator and Author of Children's Books)

HONGO Masatsugu

(Assistant to the Trustees of The Ritsumeikan Trust · Specially Appointed Professor, Ritsumeikan University)

YAMAGIWA Juichi (Director-General of the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature)

YAMAMOTO Junko (Specially Appointed Professor, Kyoto University of Advanced Science)

(names above are listed in Japanese syllabary order)

VII. Award Process

Firstly, the awards and prizes will be presented.

Secondly, Award recipients, organizations, and groups will then be invited to Kameoka where the award ceremony will be held.

Finally, a speech will be delivered by the recipient of the Grand Award for the Promotion of Lifelong Learning 『Ishida Baigan Award』 or the You・I Lifelong Learning Award 『Sen Tomiko Award』 regarding their work.

## VIII. Announcement of Award Recipients

Around November 2026 (scheduled)

## IX. Award Period

(To be coordinated with the award recipients after they have been announced)

## X. Awards

Honorable Certificates and Prizes

- Lifelong Learning Grand Award 『Ishida Baigan Award』  
Certificate and 1,000,000 JPY

- You・I Lifelong Learning Award 『Sen Tomiko Award』  
Certificate and 500,000 JPY

- Lifelong Learning Inclusive Society Award 『Ueda Masaaki Award』  
Certificate and 300,000 JPY

- Lifelong Learning Encouragement Award  
Certificate and 300,000 JPY

## Kameoka City “Lifelong Learning City” Declaration

We the citizens of Kameoka City  
having respect for mankind  
and the awareness of being a member of the local community  
shall always ask ourselves what we ought to do  
and continue learning as long as we live.

We shall improve ourselves  
and strengthen our solidarity  
to make Kameoka a city where  
we can appreciate the joy of living  
and the happiness of residing  
in a tolerant and prosperous community.

To that end, we hereby declare Kameoka City a “Lifelong Learning City”.

**March 30<sup>th</sup> 1988**

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