

# Volunteer Interpreter Application Guidelines for Peace Boat's Global Voyage 110

(As of June 25, 2021)

## ■Minimum Requirements

- Individuals with the ability to act as volunteer interpreters in the following language pairs: **Japanese-English; Japanese-Spanish; and Japanese-Chinese**. They must be able to act as a bridge of communication and be of sound health. We also accept applications from people who can interpret between Japanese and two other languages (for example, Japanese-Spanish-English or Japanese-Chinese-English, etc.).
- While it is not compulsory to have taken the language proficiency tests, the following language levels are a guide to the average proficiency of previous successful applicants:
  - Japanese: JLPT N1.
  - English: TOEFL(PBT/ITP) 600, (CBT) 250, (iBT) 100 and above, TOEIC 900 and above.
  - Spanish: Evaluación Oficial del Conocimiento de la Lengua Española 2o grado, DELE B2.
  - Chinese: HSK6.
- You must be available for the entire duration of the voyage, which is from December 15, 2021 (departure from Yokohama) until April 1, 2022 (arriving in Kobe). You must also be able to participate in the orientation which is scheduled to begin around one to two weeks prior to the departure of the voyage. However, in some cases, those applying to be a Spanish volunteer interpreter may be permitted to join the voyage for just the Spanish-speaking segment. Please discuss this with us in advance.
- You must be at least 20 years of age. However, if you are turning 20 during the voyage and interested in applying, please contact us as soon as possible as special conditions will apply.
- You should have a strong interest in and background knowledge of the following topics: North-South issues, regional conflicts, poverty, racism and other forms of discrimination, indigenous peoples, diversity, civil society, sustainable development and international bodies, the environment, nuclear and other energy issues, etc.
- Proficiency in other languages used in countries visited (for example, French, etc.) will be looked upon favorably.
- While not necessary, experience in interpreting or having studied interpreting previously will be viewed favorably.

## ■Conditions

- While volunteer interpreters are not paid, you will be exempt from the voyage fees (including international tourist tax, port charges and tips).
- Peace Boat will pay for the cost of any programs in port that you are asked to attend as an interpreter. As part of COVID-19 preventative measures, landing in ports may be restricted for volunteers who are not assigned to specific duties. Further information will be given to successful candidates.
- Some costs related to COVID-19 preventative measures (such as PCR test fees) may incur for volunteers. Further information will be given to successful candidates.
- Transport to the port of embarkation at the start of the voyage, and from the port of disembarkation at the end of the voyage, as well as accommodations required during the transport are your own responsibility.
- Personal expenditure such as onboard charges (drinks, laundry fees, etc) and fees for in-port personal activities (transport, souvenirs, etc), as well as travel insurance are your own responsibility.
- Peace Boat will pay visa fees. However, in certain cases you may be asked to cover part of the cost. It is your own responsibility to apply for and obtain all visas required.
- For some passport holders, it may take a significant period of time to obtain all visas required to participate in a voyage. If you have any concerns about this, please contact us at your earliest convenience and do not wait until the application deadline.

## ■How to Apply

Please submit the following documents, using the contact details listed below. We will confirm receipt of your application within one week of receiving it.

### <Required Documents>

1. Application Form either in Japanese or English. You can print out the form at the bottom of this document, or alternatively, download a separate WORD document.
2. Resume in all languages for which you are applying.
3. An essay outlining “Why I would like to join a Peace Boat voyage” (approximately one A4 page in length) in all languages for which you are applying. The content should be the same in each language.

### <How to Submit>

Please submit applications by email. When submitting, please:

Write in the subject line :

“Application for the Voyage 110 (languages applying for ex. Japanese-English)”

Save document files in: A4 size, PDF (\*.pdf) format

\*Please do not send files in zip format.

Save document files as: 110\_FULL-NAME\_Form.pdf

110\_FULL-NAME\_resume\_LANGUAGE.pdf

110\_FULL-NAME\_essay\_LANGUAGE.pdf

Attach all the required documents and send to: **tsuyaku@peaceboat.gr.jp**

## ■Deadline

**Sunday, July 25, 2021 23:59 JST**

## ■Second-Round Interviews

- After screening written applications, short-listed candidates will be invited to take part in the second round of the selection process, involving an interview and a consecutive interpretation test.
  - The results for short-listed candidates will be announced within approximately a week after the application deadline date.
  - The interviews and interpretation tests will be held online via Zoom.
  - Please select your preferred interview date/time from the following options and specify on your Application Form. Please be sure to submit multiple interview time and date preferences. \*AM is approximately 9:30-13:00, and PM is 14:00-18:00 (JST).
    - **For Chinese-language applicants: AM/PM, Thu. 12 – Sat. 14 August, 2021**
    - **For non-Chinese language applicants: AM/PM, Thu. 19 – Sat. 21 August, 2021**
- \*If none of these options are convenient, or you wish to specify hours, please leave the relevant part of the Application Form blank and contact us regarding alternatives in the body of the email.

## ■Results and Training

- Selection results will be announced by mid-September.
- Interpreting training for successful candidates will begin from October (approximately once a week for 2 hours, via Zoom).

## Peace Boat's Global Voyage 110 Volunteer Interpreter Application Form

\*Please fill in the following form, and submit along with all other required documents.

Interpreting languages	Japanese / English / Chinese / Spanish	
Name in English		
Name in Japanese/Chinese characters if available		
Age as of December 15, 2021		
Citizenship *Please write both if you have multiple citizenships.		
Permanent Residency & Visas *Please write all of the countries in which you have permanent residency or applicable visas for this voyage.		
Country/City of Current Residence		
Telephone Number		
E-mail		
Language Exams (JLPT/DELE, etc)	Type / Score / Date of exam	
Reference 1	Name : Contact info (email, phone): Relation to Applicant / Affiliation :	
Reference 2	Name : Contact info (email, phone): Relation to Applicant / Affiliation :	
Preferred Interview Date/Time *Please choose <b>2 or more options</b> .	<b>For Chinese-language applicants</b> Thu. Aug 12 AM / PM Fri. Aug 13 AM / PM Sat. Aug 14 AM / PM	<b>For non-Chinese language applicants</b> Thu. Aug 19 AM / PM Fri. Aug 20 AM / PM Sat. Aug 21 AM / PM

Q1. Have you ever applied for a position on Peace Boat in the past?

- Yes. Voyage:      / Position:  
 No. This is my first time.

Q2. Do you have language skills other than the languages you are applying for that are used in the ports of call?

Q3. How did you find out about the Volunteer Interpreter position? (Please be as specific as possible)

- Through a former interpreter/language teacher/passenger (Name: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Internet (Details: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Magazine, Newspaper Ad (Details: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Postcard (Location: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Other (Details: \_\_\_\_\_ )

Thank you!