

To: The Member Cities of the League of Historical Cities

<u>Calls for Candidate Host Cities</u> for the 20th and the 21st World Conference of Historical Cities

Dear Mayor,

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your understanding and support for the League's activities.

Concerning the 20th World Conference of Historical Cities, which is to take place in 2026, we would like to officially inform you that we will start accepting candidacy for the host city. In addition, we would also like to call for candidates for hosting the 21st World Conference in 2027. The schedule is adjusted to that of the other world congress. If you are interested in hosting either one of the conferences, please send an official letter declaring candidacy under your name addressed to the Chairperson of the League, KADOKAWA Daisaku by the end of May, 2024. In the letter, please indicate which conference you shall stand for.

In principle, <u>all candidate cities are requested to attend the 19th World Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia in November 2024</u>. Each candidate city is required to make a presentation at the Board of Directors' Meeting, and two host cities will be determined by votes of the Directors.

The expenses which a host city shall bear are as follows;

- 1. Expenses* for holding the conference, and for accepting the delegates of participating cities including accommodation, meals, excursions, transportation between the nearest airport of the host city and the city center.
 - *The host city may charge each participant a registration fee of generally 500 USD.
- 2. Expenses for organizing a Board of Directors' Meeting for two days and accepting delegations from the Director Cities in the previous year. For the 20th World Conference, the Meeting should be held in 2025, but the schedule for the 21st World Conference is to be determined.

Please note that the World Conference may be postponed depending on the global situations, etc.

We shall await your candidacy. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

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