

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1: Is the competition open to everyone?

A1: Eligibility for application requires the assignment of a "Gijutsushi" (Professional Engineer), a qualification unique to Japan under the Professional Engineer Act. Additionally, the assigned engineer must hold qualifications in the fields of Urban and Regional Planning and/or Roads. Specifically, at least one individual must possess expertise in each of these fields, or one individual must be qualified in both.

Q2: Can individual designers collaborate with companies to participate?

A2: Individual designers can participate as members of a group. However, at the time of submitting the Declaration of participation and oath, a copy of the Notification of Commencement or Discontinuation of Business for sole proprietors is required. Additionally, as stated in Q1, the group must include members who meet the eligibility requirements.

Q3: Is it possible to switch from registering as an individual to participating as a group before submitting the Statement of Participation?

A3: As long as the representative remains the same, it is possible to change to a group after completing the initial registration. If you plan to register as a group but the group members have not been determined yet, please write "undecided" in section 2, Other members, of the Planned registration form for consortiums and submit it.

Q4: Regarding the conditions for a discretionary contract for the basic design, one of the requirements is registration in Gunma Prefecture's FY 2024-2025 list of qualified bidders for surveys, measurements, and consultancy services under the category "Civil Engineering - Construction Consultancy

Services.” Is it possible to register for this category from overseas?

A4: For ”Civil Engineering - Construction Consultancy Services,” eligibility requirements can be met through registration as a construction consultant with the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism or by demonstrating relevant work experience within the past 10 years. Therefore, even without a business base in Japan, if relevant work experience within the past 10 years can be recognized, it is possible to apply. Applications and registration can also be submitted after the competition has concluded.

Q5: Will the public presentation be conducted in person, online, or a combination of both?

A5: The presentation will primarily be conducted in person. However, arrangements such as having the representative present on-site while other members participate online are allowed. At present, this is the anticipated approach, but further details will be provided individually to those who pass the first screening.

Q6: Does the target year 2040 mean it will take until 2040 for this urban space design to be realized?

A6: The year 2040 does not indicate the completion year of this project. Rather, it represents the anticipated timeframe for technological advancements, such as autonomous driving, to have progressed by 2040. The project will begin basic design promptly after the competition’s conclusion, with further implementation focusing on areas managed by the prefecture, ensuring no delays in its progression.

Q7: Does the estimated project cost limit of 7 billion yen include expenses related to the improvement of the Five-Way Intersection?

A7: The estimated project cost limit of 7 billion yen does not include expenses related to the improvement of the Five-Way

Intersection or the four-lane expansion of the City road. Additionally, please note that costs associated with urban redevelopment along the roadside are also not included.