Important Notice for Joining Ani-Connect

Hereunder are <Ani-Connect Important Notice> and <Ani-Connect Regulations and Rules>.
Please read through to the very end.
After reading, please submit your response.

If you find Japanese difficult to read, please translate and read this document in your preferred language (Please note that the Japanese version is the official text).

If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to email Hitosan.

<Ani-Connect Important Notice>

Name of Activity
Ani-Connect Animation Connecting Global Youth (Ani-Connect2026)
**Referred to as "Ani-Connect" below.*

Main session 6 days
2026-Dec 20, Dec 27, 2027-Jan 10, Jan 31, Feb 14, and the internal presentation of results on Feb 28.
From 17:00 until at most 20:00 (JST/GMT+9), less than 3 hours at a time.
There may be group and individual work, as needed.

Ani-Connect Showcase
The online Final Presentation is scheduled on March 14 or 21 2027.

Remote participation
Set up Zoom and Slack (a team communication tool).
An invitation is required for Slack. Upon receiving the invitation email, you should accept it and then log in.

Your burden
Participation is free.
Please note that arrangements and coverage of the costs for the listed items should be made:
- A communication environment suitable for online meetings.
- Any equipment, tools, materials, software, or applications required for your activities.

Insurance
Please take personal care to avoid accidents, injuries, or illnesses.
The organizer, Animated Learning Lab in Japan (ALLjp), will provide accident insurance covering injuries sustained during the activities. Coverage is limited to the following:
- Eligible activities include "Main session 6 days" (mentioned above) and "Ani-Connect Showcase".
- Other activities may also be covered, provided they are designated as such by ALLjp.
- The insurance covers "injuries" only; it does not cover illnesses or diseases. Incidents within Japan may be the only ones covered.

If injured, please inform ALLjp right away.

Contact
If you need to get in touch or have any concerns, feel free to contact ALLjp via email or Slack.
When you have an unpleasant experience or are subjected to inappropriate behavior during our activities, please reach out to ALLjp.
Do not try to deal with it alone.

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<Ani-Connect Regulations and Rules>
Please read these rules carefully and follow them so that everyone can enjoy Ani-Connect until the very end.
If you have any questions or are unsure about something, please feel free to contact Hitosan.

"Members" refers to participants living in Japan, as well as Japanese language learners, who participate in Ani-Connect, including "you".
Mentors, Instructors/Experts, and Secretariat staff act in accordance with the "Ani-Connect Code of Conduct", which ensures the protection of personal information and copyrighted works, as well as the prevention of issues.

1.【Organizer and Secretariat】
Animated Learning Lab in Japan (hereinafter referred to as "ALLjp") assumes responsibility as the organizer of Ani-Connect, and operates it as the Secretariat.
In unavoidable circumstances, the Secretariat may change or cancel the schedule, date, or content of Ani-Connect. In such cases, we will notify members as quickly as possible and provide necessary information.

2.【Avoiding Troubles】
Please be careful in your actions to avoid any trouble with other "Ani-Connect participants" or "third parties (people not participating in Ani-Connect)".
If you encounter any trouble or difficulties, please consult the Secretariat.

3.【Personal Information】
Please take care to prevent your personal information from leaking (appearing online or elsewhere without your consent). In Ani-Connect, we use "nicknames" (names other than your real name, or preferred names).
Also, please do not share other members', mentors', or instructors' personal information with third parties or publish it on the internet without their consent.

- If you wish to share your personal information (real name, email address, address, phone number, etc.) with other members, mentors, or instructors, please check in advance with the Secretariat, your school teacher, or your parent/guardian (family or legal representative) to ensure it is okay to do so.
- For works created by you during Ani-Connect (animations, worksheets, memos, and other submissions), please use your "nickname" or "initials" (capital letters of your family and given names) instead of your real name.

If you have any concerns or experience issues regarding personal information, please consult the Secretariat, your parents, school teachers, or counseling organizations.

4.【Copyrighted Works】
Works created during Ani-Connect belong to the members who created them as authors (*1), giving them rights to the works (copyrights and related rights) protected under Japanese law.
You retain the copyright for the works you create.

(*1) Author: A person who creates (produces) a work and holds various rights.
Reference: Website of the Copyright Information Center (CRIC) "What kind of rights do authors have?"
https://www.cric.or.jp/qa/hajime/hajime2.html

- Works created collaboratively in a group are considered joint works. If you wish to alter (modify) or use a group work outside of Ani-Connect, you must discuss it with the other members in advance and obtain the necessary permission.
- Do not alter or use works created by people outside your group without the author's permission.
- "Use" as described in this section and subsequent sections includes distribution (spreading widely on the internet, etc.), sales, and submission to contests.

5.【Teaching Materials】
Teaching materials and similar resources used in Ani-Connect may be utilized for program activities.
Outside of Ani-Connect activities, you must not alter, download, save, or use them unless permitted by their authors (instructors, mentors, or the Secretariat).

6.【Third-Party Copyrighted Works】
If you use or alter works or parts of works created by third parties (people not participating in Ani-Connect), you must obtain permission from the author in advance.

- When using or quoting third-party copyrighted works, follow the author's permission and conditions of use, and clearly display the required author's name, title, source, etc.
- If an author clearly states that their work may be "used or altered (modified) without permission," you may use it in your group's animation or presentation.
- Commercial works must not be used without the author's permission.

7.【Secretariat Photography/Recording and Use of Works, etc.】
① To promote ALLjp public relations and spread Animated Learning, the Secretariat may use photos and videos taken during activities, as well as works created by you, in reports, books, academic conferences, and on the internet including social media, but they will not be sold. When published, faces will be processed/blurred. If you (and your parents/guardian if a minor) give permission not to process them, they will be used as-is.
② ALLjp will submit unprocessed photos, videos, and works created by you to funding organizations as part of activity reports. These will only be used for reporting purposes and will not be made public.
③ Regarding your name, only your "chosen nickname" or "initials" will be published. If you do not wish to have them published, please inform the Secretariat before activities begin.
④ If requested to delete photos, videos, or works posted on websites or social media managed by ALLjp, ALLjp will respond promptly. However, items already printed and distributed, or information spread by others on the internet, may not always be removable or recoverable.
⑤ Photos, videos, and works will be stored only for the necessary period after use and then deleted.

8.【Prohibition of Recording and Filming During Activities】
To protect everyone's faces and voices, please do not record video, audio, or take screenshots during activities.
Mentors and instructors may record, film, or audio-record breakout sessions (group work) on behalf of the Secretariat.

9.【Slack Usage】
On Slack, you are only allowed to use the "general channel", "group channels", "introduction channel", and other channels set up by the Secretariat.
When exchanging messages with members or mentors via Slack Direct Message (DM), for safety reasons, you must include "Hitosan" and "Nami-san" in the recipients.

10.【Cancellation of Participation】
If any of the following apply, the Secretariat may cancel your participation. Before doing so, the Secretariat will first discuss the matter with you and explain the reasons:
① Having someone else participate in your place.
② Lying about important matters.
③ Violating the rights or privacy of others, or using copyrighted works without permission.
④ Tampering with Ani-Connect information without authorization.
⑤ Interfering with activities to the point where they cannot proceed smoothly.
If you feel the decision is unjustified, please consult the Secretariat, your parents, or school teacher.

11. If you are a minor, you must have the consent of your parent/guardian (family or legal representative) to participate in Ani-Connect.

12. The Ani-Connect Regulations and Rules shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of Japan.

Please reply to the Google Form within 5 days from the date of the notice issued by the Secretariat.
We are so excited to work together with you!

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Google Form https://forms.gle/7H4rKr6J7pgXeJTi8

Agreement Form
Section<Ani-Connect (Conditions Important Information Participation) for> and <Ani-Connect & Regulations Rules> Agreement
☐ I agree to the terms written here and will participate in Ani-Connect.
☐ I do not agree, so I will not participate in Ani-Connect.

If you are a minor, did you obtain the approval of your parent/guardian (family or legal representative)?
☐ I am a minor and have obtained parental consent through the application form.
☐ I am not a minor.
☐ I am canceling my participation.

Please write the real name (not a nickname) of the person participating in Ani-Connect:

(Note: Please ensure you read this in your preferred language if Japanese is difficult, but please note that the Japanese version is the official text.)