



FRENCH BUSINESS AWARDS 2021

RULES

art. 1 The French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan (CCIFJ) is organizing the “French Business Awards 2021” with the aim of promoting French-Japanese trade and rewarding the most active companies.

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- a. The competition is open only to member companies of the CCIFJ for the categories: Company of the Year, Product/Service of the Year, regardless of their legal structure. Participation to the competition is free. **One company can apply to only one award category.**
- b. The French Tech Tokyo Award is open to all startup companies, including non-members of the CCIFJ, provided they are registered in Japan no earlier than 01 January 2016.
- c. The Jury’s Special Award cannot be applied for and the winner is drawn from all entrants with a remarkable project that defies all expectations. It will be determined to the Jury’s discretion.

art. 3 Application forms should be returned **by email** to: m.ozaki@ccifj.or.jp along with the nominated company’s logo in high definition on a transparent background preferably. The forms must be filled **in English** (unless stated otherwise) as accurately and completely as possible. The deadline for submission of the application forms is 11 January, 2021.

art. 4 Any information submitted will remain confidential and will only be seen by the CCIFJ staff processing the documents and members of the Jury. The Jury will sign a confidentiality agreement. No information, data or figures, will be given to third parties without your explicit authorization.

art. 5 The CCIFJ staff and the Jury reserves the right to contact shortlisted applicants to obtain further information.

art. 6 The Jury, independent and sovereign, will make its decisions according to a majority vote. These decisions cannot be revoked. Members of the Jury as well as the companies or organizations to which they belong may not take part in the competition. The constitution of the Jury is placed under the responsibility of the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan. The President of the Jury shall have a casting vote if votes are evenly divided. Each participant will be informed individually of the Jury’s decision.

art. 7 Press releases will be issued before and after the event.

art. 8 The winners of the Awards undertake to be present during the “French Business Awards 2020” prize-giving ceremony, which will be held on 28 January, 2021 at Grand Hyatt Tokyo.

art. 9 The applicant accepts the terms and conditions of the competition rules without reserve. The applicant agrees to submit only accurate information to the jury, and in particular, agrees to submit information that is clear and cannot lead in any way to a misjudgment. In the case of significant irregularities, the jury reserves the right to withdraw the applicant's submission and to withdraw any prize already awarded. Applications will be selected according to the criteria laid out in the application forms.

art. 10 The CCIFJ cannot be held responsible for any temporary or definitive interruption to the competition for whatever reason. The organizer also reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the present rules if necessary, subject to informing the applicants in advance. The applicants may not make any claims or compensatory claims on this subject. The organizer further reserves the right to lengthen, if necessary, the duration of the competition.

art. 11 The winners of each category will be given, in addition to the award:

- A free full-color advertising page in CCIFJ's magazine France Japon Eco or a 2-month free advertising banner on ccifj.or.jp
- Exposure through event-related articles and press releases