

At a Glance: Tokyo International Deaf Arts Festival 2025



Tokyo International Deaf Arts Festival



A Deaf-led arts festival based in Koenji, formerly a film festival in Shibuya, expanding its artistic scope while creating the “City of Sign Language” atmosphere.

Event Dates

November 6 (Thu) – November 9 (Sun), 2025

Collaborative Programs on Other Days

October 17 (Fri) Clean-up Activity in Japanese Sign Language
October 15 (Wed) – November 30 (Sun) Sign Language Card Rally
November 22 (Sat) Home Video Presentation

Venues

ZA-KOENJI, Koenji Mashita, IMAGINUS, Koenji Underpass Warehouse, The Den, Koenji Shopping Street

Main Organizer: Deaf Arts Society of Japan / Agency for Cultural Affairs, Government of Japan (2025 Project for Promotion of Cultural and Artistic Activities by People with Disabilities)

Partnership with: NPO Creative Theatre Network / ZA-KOENJI Public Theatre

Joint Sponsors: Sugunami City / Sugunami Association for the Deaf / The Totto Foundation / NPO Theatre Accessibility network / IGENGO Lab. / IMAGINUS (Congrès Inc.)

Granted by: Arts Council Tokyo [Grant for Artistic City / Grant for Accessibility]



Audience Data



Asia 8
Oceania 1
Europe 10
Americas 4



“Deaf, hearing, and international visitors interacted naturally.”

“The space filled with visual languages felt refreshing.”



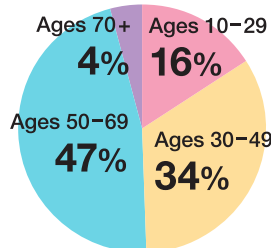
Key Achievements

Extensive Media Coverage
Total Coverage **116 items**
(excl. reprints)

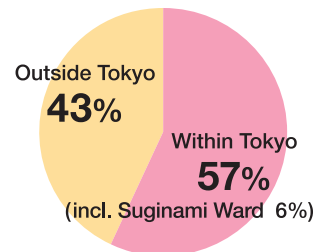
Major Coverage **13 items**
(approx. 11% of the total)

- The “City of Sign Language” concept clearly recognized by visitors
- Accessible viewing environment with multilingual communication support
- Avant-garde expressions through Deaf-led curation
- Expansion of domestic and international networks, with emerging overseas opportunities

Age Groups *Survey Answers



Area of Residence



Future Vision

The festival aims to be held once every three years. As a model of Deaf-led creativity and Deaf-hearing collaboration, the festival seeks to reimagine the future of arts and culture. We remain committed to creating a meaningful space for all.

Deaf Arts Society of Japan

