

1 Objective

1. Extend application of the Basic Act on the Promotion of Culture and the Arts to include various other relevant fields including tourism, town development, international exchange, social welfare, education and industry.
2. Utilize the various values created by culture and the arts to succeed, develop and create new culture and the arts.

2 Outline of Revisions

1. Title

The title has been changed to the “Basic Act on Culture and the Arts”. Necessary revisions were also made to the forward and objectives.

2. General Provisions

The fundamental principles have been revised. New articles were added on: the role of culture and art organizations, collaboration and cooperation among relevant parties; taxation.

〈Revisions to the Fundamental Principles〉

- ① Create an environment where all people regardless of their age, disability, or economic situation can enjoy culture and the arts
- ② Nurture an environment to promote activities related to culture and the arts in Japan and overseas
- ③ Stress importance of culture and arts education for children
- ④ Promote the organic collaboration of policies among various relevant fields including tourism, town development and international exchange.

3. Basic Plan for the Promotion of Culture and the Arts

Set new articles for the “Basic Plan for the Promotion of Culture and the Arts” at the national (mandatory) and regional (obligation to make effort) levels.

4. Basic Measures

- ① The revisions were made in articles on promotion of the arts, media art and traditional art, by adding Japanese Kumi Odori dance as an example of Japanese traditional art, and support for the preservation of materials, exhibits, succession of knowledge and technique, and arranging art festivals.
- ② The article on life culture has been revised: prevalence of life culture has been amended to promotion of life culture; food culture has been added as an example of life culture.
- ③ In relation to promoting culture and the arts in the region, the following have been added: “promoting of community development through culture and the arts”; “support for arranging art festivals”.
- ④ The revisions were made in articles on promotion of international exchange, by adding “arrange exhibits, open and disseminate Japanese culture and arts overseas in local languages”, “train and dispatch human resources involved in working at international organizations related to culture and arts”.
- ⑤ In relation to fostering and securing artists, the following necessary measures have been added: “provide support to educate and train human resources both in Japan and overseas”.

5. Development of environments for promoting culture and the arts

Stipulate establishments of both national and regional councils for the promotion of culture and the arts.

3 Others

In order to promote policies related to culture and the arts, the government shall deliver the expansion of functions of the Agency for Cultural Affairs, including its institutional design, and implement necessary measures based on those results.