

FAQ for the Sustainability Category

#	Related document		Question	Answer
1	Application guidelines	Application requirement	May we apply to both the Financial Innovation Category and the Sustainability Category?	Applicants may apply to both categories, however will only be awarded in either category if selected.
2	Application guidelines	Application requirement	May we apply for both the Investment and Business subcategories?	Yes, both subcategories may be applied for. However, each company may only receive the award in a single subcategory.
3	Application guidelines	Application requirement	May we apply for initiatives other than investment activities for the Investment subcategory?	Yes, we are inviting a wide range of financial activities including, but not limited to investment activities, lending, etc.
4	Application guidelines	Application requirement	May we apply for initiatives other than those that are financed by sustainable finance?	Yes, we are inviting initiatives that are financed by a wide range of methods including, but not limited to sustainable finance (Sustainability-linked loan, sustainable fund, etc.), regular VC investments, etc.
5	Application guidelines	Application requirement	How many initiatives can a single company apply for?	Each company can apply for up to 2 initiatives for both the Investment and Business subcategories.
6	Application guidelines	Application requirement	May we submit the same content as that of a previous year's application?	Yes, both subcategories may be applied for. However, the uniqueness of the activities is a key aspect of the evaluation criteria. Please confirm the uniqueness and other aspects of the activity for the current fiscal year when submitting the application.
7	Application guidelines	Application requirement	May winners of the award in previous years apply again?	Yes, you may.
8	Application guidelines	Application requirement	May proposals be for services that have already been developed, or that are currently in a planning stage?	Please make sure to include initiatives that have already been implemented. Additionally, you may provide additional information about initiatives that are still in the planning stage.
9	Application guidelines	Application method	May we select multiple themes?	You may only select one category that fits best to the initiative for the Investment Subcategory.
10	Application guidelines	Application method	In the case of joint projects, may we submit applications with the names of all the companies involved?	Yes, both subcategories may be applied for. However, please decide on which company will represent the others and write the name and information of that company on the application. Please include the names of the other companies and the roles they played in the field where the service overview and business model are described.
11	Application guidelines	Application method	Would it pose a problem to provide materials and presentations entirely in Japanese or entirely in English?	Doing so would not pose any problems. Submitted materials and presentations can be interpreted and/or translated into both Japanese and English, so please contact the Tokyo Financial Prize Secretariat if such assistance is required. (support is only provided for Japanese and English)
12	Application guidelines	Screening method	How many companies are selected in the screening?	About 10 Japanese/foreign companies will be selected in the first round, and about 3 Japanese/foreign companies will be selected in the final round.
13	Application guidelines	Screening method	Who are the judges?	Please click here for details on the judges.
14	Application guidelines	Screening method	Do all companies that applied for the award get the opportunity to present?	Plans are only for about 10 companies selected in the first stage of screening to give a presentation.
15	Application guidelines	Screening method	What are the judging criterias?	Please click here for details on the judging criterias.
16	Application guidelines	Screening method	What is the difference between the first and final screenings?	The screening subject will be different. Contents submitted by the application form will be judged in the first round. Presentations by those that passed the first round will be judged in the final round.
17	Application guidelines	Award ceremony	In the case of foreign companies, does the overseas representative need to participate in the award ceremony?	The representative relevant to the Japan project may attend the ceremony.
18	Application form	Application requirement	Should the location of the implementation for the initiative be limited to Tokyo?	Locations do not need to be limited to Tokyo. However, for activities to be implemented globally, please confirm within your company whether they can be disclosed publicly. Also please describe how the activity relates to and how it may impact Tokyo.
19	Application form	Application requirement	Can financial products such as loans and insurance be treated as sustainable finance?	Loans and insurance are also financial products for sustainable finance.
20	Application form	Application requirement	May we apply for the award if we are unable to participate in the award ceremony?	No, companies that are unable to participate in the award ceremony may not submit applications. Since such participation is mandatory, please confirm your company's ability to attend the ceremony before submitting an application. A separate announcement will be provided with details about the award ceremony.
21	Application form	Application method	Should only the full-time employees of our company count for the "number of employees"?	Yes, please write the number of full-time employees.
22	Application form	Application method	Should annual sales be specified with specific periods and currencies (JPY or USD)?	Please treat a single year as beginning in April and ending in March. Please select JPY or USD for the currency.
23	Application form	Application method	What sort of associations/organizations may we describe as those that we are members of?	Please record the names of associations/organizations that are related to Sustainable finance or Sustainable initiatives.
24	Application form	Application method	What should be done if the contents of an application must change after it has already been submitted? (e.g., attendees to the award ceremony)	Please contact the secretariat of the Tokyo Financial Award: tfa@jp.ey.com . Please contact the TFA secretariat with particular urgency if it relates to the details of the registered company and/or the details of the activity.