

# 2025 Aomori Port Cozy Living Market Vendor Guidelines

## Aomori Port Cozy Living Market

This project is a new promotion aimed at showcasing the charm of Aomori City to the nation by utilizing regional resources to promote agricultural, forestry, and fisheries products, attract tourists, and revitalize the local economy. It is operated by the Aomori Regional Resource Utilization Promotion Committee, which was established by the local community with the cooperation of Aomori City. The market will be held at Aomori Port Shin-Chuo Pier, Yanagimachi Street, Honcho Park, and Aomori City Hall. The market, called the "Aomori Port Cozy Living Market," is planned as a three-year social demonstration experiment, with the goal of holding it regularly on weekends in the future, supporting lifestyles and creating diverse values.

### 1. Vendors

- (1) Vendors who have been selected by the Executive Committee as fitting for the concept of "Aomori Port Cozy Living Market" are eligible to participate.
- (2) We welcome student vendors. However, registration of a supervisor is required for applications from individuals in high school or younger.
- (3) Participation in the performance is free of charge. For details, please ask when applying to participate.
- (4) People who utilize organized crime groups' activities as stipulated in Article 2, Item 2 of the Act on Prevention of Wrongful Acts by Members of Organized Crime Groups (Act No. 77 of 1991) are not permitted to participate. *Vendor introductions will be posted on the Aomori Port Cozy Living Market website and other platforms in advance.*

### 2. Booth Areas

Vendor areas will be assigned in advance by the Executive Committee. While preferences will be considered during application, we may not be able to accommodate all requests if there are many applicants.

### 3. Booth Content

- \*Sales of agricultural products and local specialties
- \*Food sales
- \*Traditional crafts & workshops
- \*Craft sales & workshops
- \*Antique goods & book sales
- \*Performing arts (theater, dance, music, and art performances)
- \*Other activities deemed suitable by the executive committee will also be considered.

### 4. Compliance Requirements

The following items are mandatory for participation in the market. Failure to comply with any of these regulations may result in immediate removal from the market, and no refunds will be issued. The vendor will be responsible for any accidents or disputes arising from violations.

- (1) Political activities, religious solicitation, multi-level marketing, or other activities deemed inappropriate by the Executive Committee are not permitted.

- (2) In the event of violent behavior or injury between visitors and vendors that disrupts the event, the case will be filed with the Aomori District Court, and both parties will be liable for damages.
- (3) If food poisoning occurs, it must be reported to the organizers, and vendors must follow the instructions provided. Vendors are responsible for proper hygiene management.
- (4) Vendors must display the required legal information for their products.
- (5) Vendors must display permits or certificates for sales in accordance with relevant laws.
- (6) Vendors cannot send or store products in advance.
- (7) Bringing in, setting up, and removing their items must be done within the designated time frame by each vendor.
- (8) Product display, management, and sales are the responsibility of each vendor.
- (9) Vendors must provide trash bags and cans for customers, encouraging them to dispose of waste properly.
- (10) Vendors must take all waste generated by their booth and remove it from the venue.
- (11) No power will be provided. Vendors must arrange for their own generators at their own risk.
- (12) Smoking is prohibited throughout the event area during the event.
- (13) In the Shin-Chuo Pier area, where the sea breeze is stronger than in other areas, vendors using tents or tarps must secure them with weights of at least 100kg for each 3m x 3m tent. Vendors in other areas should also take precautions against wind.
- (14) Wastewater, used oil, and other disposal must be handled and removed by the vendors. Under no circumstances should wastewater be disposed of in the venue facilities (e.g., Shin-Chuo Pier Terminal Building, parks, Aomori City Hall).
- (15) If cooking, vendors must lay down protective sheets under their tents to avoid damage. Any damages must be reported immediately and rectified as instructed by the Executive Committee.
- (16) If using fire equipment, vendors must notify the Executive Committee when applying. The Committee will submit a notification of "Opening a Stall" to the fire department. Additionally, vendors must provide at least one fire extinguisher (ABC type) and follow fire department guidelines.
- (17) Parking for vendors will be provided by the Executive Committee. Vendors should not park in unauthorized areas (e.g., illegal parking).
- (18) The Executive Committee will not be held responsible for accidents or disputes in the parking lot.

## **5. Request for Cooperation with Surveys**

After the market, a survey (regarding sales, feedback on operations, etc.) will be conducted. We kindly ask for your cooperation in completing this survey.

## **6. Event Cancellation**

The event may be canceled under the following circumstances, and no refunds will be issued. There will be no alternative event date, so please understand this in advance:

- \*If damage from a disaster occurs at the venue close to the event date, making it impossible to hold the event.
- \*If a state of emergency is declared by local authorities or the police, preventing the event.
- \*If natural disasters, such as typhoons or strong winds, are forecasted and may cause damage.

\*If the forecast predicts more than 20mm of rain per hour (heavy rain warning level).

\*If wind speeds exceed 15m/s (storm warning level). The Executive Committee may decide to cancel the event for the Shin-Chuo Pier area based on weather conditions.

\*If a front approaches or a low-pressure area is near Aomori City (following the instructions of local authorities and venue managers).

\*If the Aomori Meteorological Observatory reports a magnitude 5 or greater earthquake or issues a tsunami warning.

\*If power outages, significant traffic disruptions (such as liquefaction), or a shortage of goods affect citizens' lives.