



「 SAIKONEON 」 Artist in residence Application 2026

SAIKONEON Artist-in-Residence was established in **April 2019** as a platform dedicated to research, creation, and exchange among diverse creators who transcend disciplinary boundaries. Situated on the serene shores of **Lake Saiko in Yamanashi Prefecture**, the residency offers a rich natural environment under the **majestic presence of Mount Fuji**, yet remains **less than two and a half hours from Tokyo**.

Since its founding, SAIKONEON has welcomed artists and designers from around the world working across a wide spectrum of media — including **painting, photography, film, visual art, dance performance, and installation**.

Our residency program **accepts applications year-round**.

Participants are selected by the residency's curatorial team based not only on professional achievements, but also on their ability to produce compelling and imaginative work — **artists whose practice sparks curiosity through originality and personality beyond career status**.

Through their stay, we aim to provide artists with opportunities to deepen their **creative inquiry, research, and artistic growth**, encouraging new discoveries within their practice.

At **SAIKONEON**, we aspire to be a place known for this shared spirit —

“something interesting always happens when you become part of this residency.”

Open call guidelines

Disciplines : Visual art , Design , Literature , Performance , Music , cartoon/manga ect,

Language : Japanese , English

Founded : 2019

Duration : 30 days~90 days

Paid by artist : Artists are responsible for covering the costs of facilities, travel, living expenses, and production during their stay.

Please note that the residency does not offer scholarships or financial assistance.

We welcome both individual and group applications.

For details about the residence fees, please refer to the attached sheet.

There are generally no exhibitions or gallery spaces available for presenting the outcomes of your stay.

The residency manager may provide transportation or accompany you for activities related to your artistic research or production.

However, for longer trips or visits to distant locations, highway tolls and fuel costs should be covered by the artist after prior discussion.

Free transportation is available only within approximately one hour of driving distance and does not include highway use.

Applicants are responsible for arranging their own insurance.

Please make sure you have adequate medical coverage in case of illness or injury during your stay.

The residency cannot cover medical or insurance costs, and artists are also responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa if required.

The residency accepts up to two artist groups per term.

Please note that participants must acknowledge in advance that there may be other residents such as families with children, couples, or small groups staying during the same term.

Application guideline : Please send the following data to info@saikoneon.com. The maximum total file size for the above data is 8MB. Please combine data into one pdf.

- CV
- Portfolio (Image files, video files, website links, etc.)
- Residency Project (Please describe your specific goals, research purpose, and clear action plan.)

Deadline : Applications open year-round

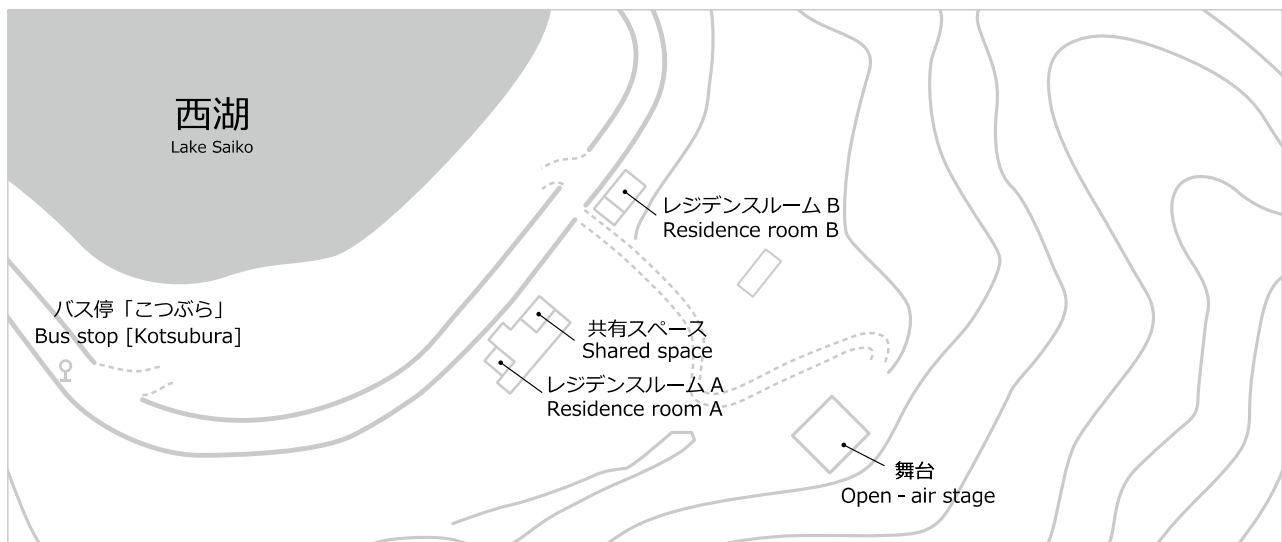
Address : 2234, Saiko, Minamitsuru Gun Fujikawaguchiko Mac, Yamanashi Ken, 401-0332, Japan

Email: info@saikoneon.com

Web : <https://saikoneon.com>

Description of
Residency :

SAIKONEON is an artist-in-residence set up on the shore of Lake Saiko, one of Fuji Five Lakes in Yamanashi Prefecture. Lake Saiko is located in the foot of Fuji, less than two hours away from Tokyo, and offers a glimpse of the magnificent natural environment and various Japanese cultures. The facility is a former campsite that has been refurbished and approximately 300 square meters. The entire site is approximately 6000 square meters including the back mountain, and has a total of two private spaces for artists. You can concentrate on research and production activities in the studios and common spaces, which have been remodeled in a modern way while taking advantage of the characteristics of Japanese houses such as tatami. Located between the lake and the large back mountain, our facility is also suitable for indoor activities as well as outdoor activities and performances.





Paid by host :

- Accommodation, Private studio, Shared space etc
- Pick up/drop off from the Kawaguchiko Station on the first day to the facility on the last day.
- Free Wifi
- Water (The water supply infrastructure is very advanced in Japan and tap water of the area is drinkable.)
- Utility cost
- Free rental bicycle

※Note: We ask that artists share it with each other during their stay.

- Consultation regarding general living information such as where to buy food, daily necessities, art supplies etc.

※Note: The residency's on-site manager is able to communicate in English at a basic conversational level. For more complex discussions, communication with the Tokyo-based staff or other relevant personnel may be required.

Accommodation &studio Information :

[RoomA]

Private accommodation &studio Japanese room 30 m²

Residence fee

Term 1 : 4/13~5/12	¥280,000/term (30 days)
Term 2 : 5/15~6/13	¥280,000/term (30 days)
Term 3 : 6/17~7/16	¥280,000/term (30 days)
Term 4 : 7/21~8/19	¥280,000/term (30 days)
Term 5 : 8/28~9/26	¥280,000/term (30 days)
Term 6 : 10/2~10/31	¥280,000/term (30 days)
Term 7 : 11/4~12/3	¥280,000/term (30 days)

If you are applying as a group, you will need to add additional facility usage cost of 98,000yen/term (30 days) for each extra person.

We accept maximum of 3 people per room.

You may stay for max. of 3 terms per person/group which is 90 days.

Wifi available.



[RoomB]

Private accommodation & studio 36 m²

Residence fee

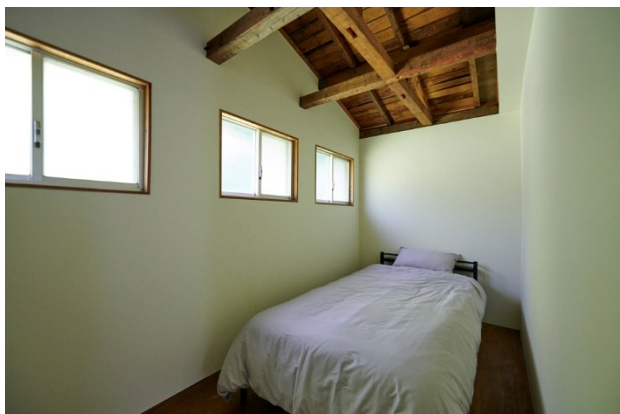
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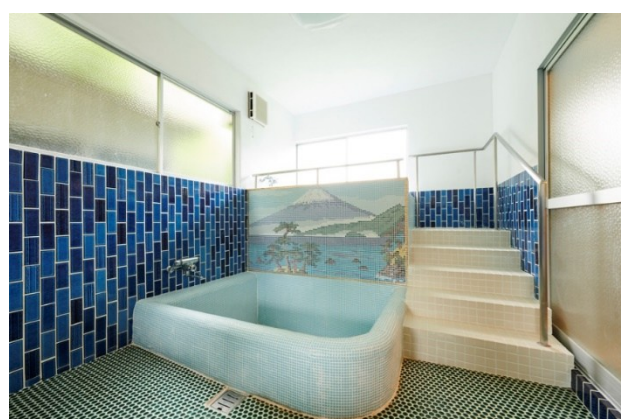
[Shared studio]



[Shared studio & Living room]



[Kitchen]



[Bathroom]

Payment method : We will notify you of the result within approximately one month from receiving the application.

We will send you an invitation letter by e-mail upon request.

After receiving the notice of result, please transfer 20% of the residence fee as a deposit within two weeks.

Please pay the remaining residency fee to the designated bank account 90 days before the start date of your residency.

If payment is not made by the due date, your application may be put on hold, and you may need to select new dates for your stay.

Please note that the residence fee is non-refundable once payment has been completed.

Please use one of the following payment methods.

1) Via international bank transfer

Bank name : RAKUTEN BANK, LTD.

SWIFT code: RAKTJPJT or RAKTJPJTXXX

Branch name: HEAD OFFICE

Branch sort code: 251

Branch Address: 2-16-5 KONAN, MINATO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN

Account name: Neon Kikaku

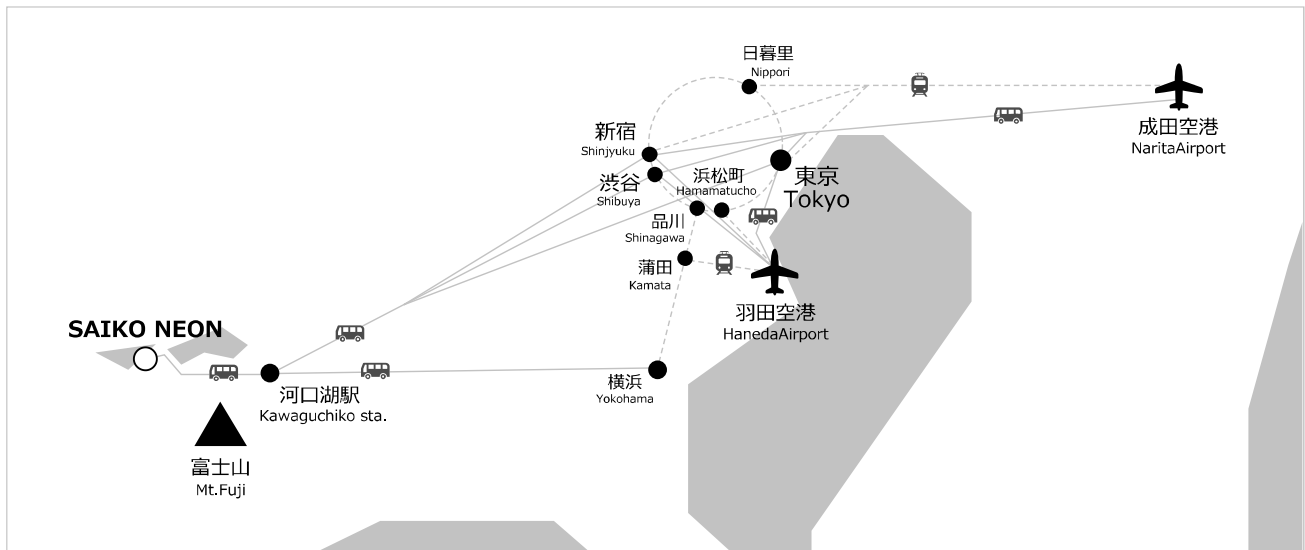
Account number: 7496548

2) Via Paypal

Account name: Neon Kikaku

Account number: info@saikoneon.com

Access :



✈ Narita Airport→Shinjuku,Shibuya,Tokyo ect,

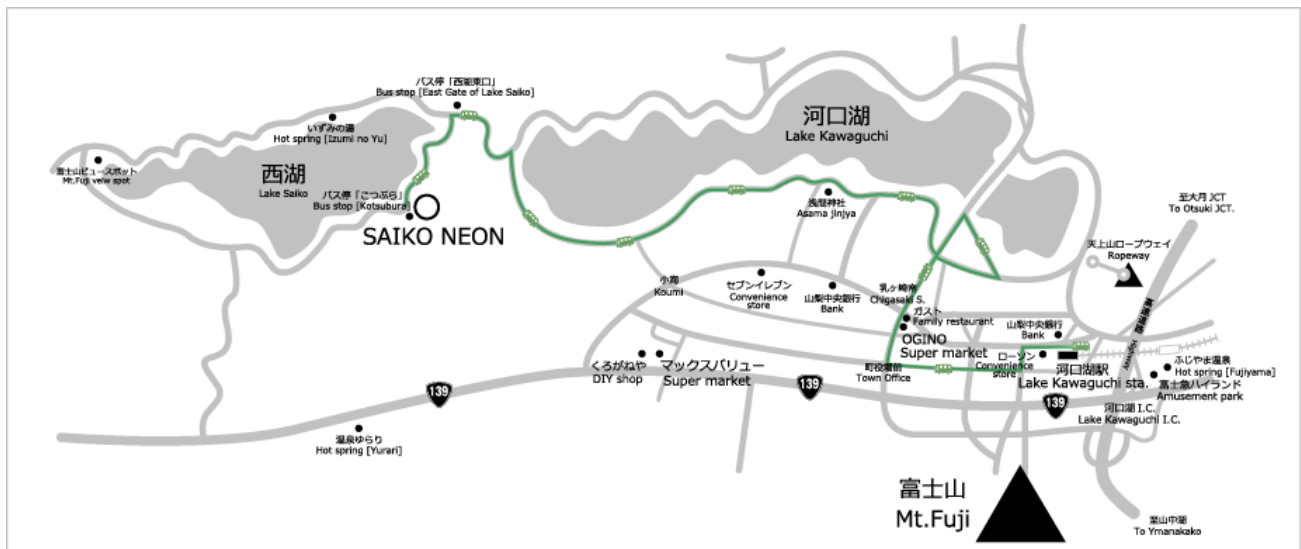
About 2 and 30min by JR Narita Express or limousinebus.

✈ Haneda Airport→Shinjuku,Shibuya,Tokyo ect,

About 50min by KeikyuLine or Tokyo Monorail or limousinebus.

🚗 Shinjuku、Shibuya、Tokyo→Kawaguchiko Sta.

About 2 and a half hours by Express bus.



🚗 Kawaguchiko Sta.→SAIKO NEON

About a half and hours by Circle around Sightseeing Bus (Greenline)

30 sec. walk from the 'Kotsubura' bus stop.

Time table has every 30 minutes in the daytime.