

# Navigating Comiket — OTAKU SUMMIT Guide —

## Direction to Makuhari Messe

Visitors to Comiket Special 6 are strictly reminded to travel to the venue on the the day of the event, only using public transportation. The means available for traveling to Comiket Special 6 are shown below. You are prohibited from arriving at the venue before 5:00am.

Please see Makuhari Messe official web site for more detail.

<http://www.m-messe.co.jp/en/>

## ■Comiket Special 6

There are no “customers” at Comiket. Everybody is a participant who helps make Comiket happen together with the Comic Market Committee.

**Please read carefully and respect the following guidelines, so that all participants at Comiket Special 6 may enjoy a trouble free event.**

### ■Prohibited or Restricted Activities

1. Activities which infringe Japanese laws and local government ordinances (e.g. using the electrical outlets at the venue without permission; street parking cars in no-parking zones).
2. Activities which are deemed security and safety hazards (e.g. smoking outside designated smoking areas; occupying no stopping zones, and blocking access to fire fighting gear or emergency exits).
3. Activities which cause nuisance to other attendees and local neighborhood (e.g. loitering

inside or near the venue during late night hours, illegal disposal of trash, and cutting into the waiting line).

4. Other activities which defy instructions from Comiket staff, security personnel, the Fire Department and the Police Department.

### ■Prohibited or Restricted Items

1. Attendees must not bring to the venue any items whose possession or use is either prohibited by Japanese law, or may possibly lead to criminal charges (e.g. weapons and weapon-like items which are subject to the Firearms and Swords Control Law; items deemed to be in violation of Penal Code 175 (obscenity restrictions) or the Child Pornography Law).
2. All animals, with exception of service animals (e.g. guide dogs).
3. Large batteries (when toppled, large batteries such as car batteries may leak hazardous substances). Small batteries for charging mobile phones and other small electrical devices are permitted.
4. Gas filled balloons which may float up.
5. Any other items deemed dangerous by Comiket staff.

### ■Important Notices from Comiket

1. Please use the public transportation or walk to the venue. If you come to the venue by cars, bicycles, or motorcycles, please be aware that **there are no automobile parking bike parking areas**

**reserved by Comiket.** We ask you to be respectful of the local neighborhood and seek legitimate parking spaces elsewhere.

2. Please do not arrive at the venue by taxi. There are many exhibitors who will be using taxi, and serious road congestion is expected around the venue. If you must use a taxi for some inevitable reason, please get-off at Makuhari Messe's designated drop-off zone.
3. Please do not call a taxi to go home. As it will be very busy around the venue after the event closing time, it will be impossible to know who called which taxi.
4. Do not use unlicensed radio (wireless) transmitters. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Kanto Bureau of Telecommunications has reported the presence of unlicensed illegal radio stations at the event in the past. We ask you to make correct use of the airwaves.
5. To all attendees under the age of 18: Chiba Prefectural Ordinance Regarding the Healthy Development of Youths forbids underage youths to be outside their homes at late hours, including loitering overnight.



You must refrain from such activities for there are chances you may become involved in unforeseen predicaments. Also please make sure to inform your family of your plans, including when you will return home from Comiket.

#### ■To Attendees with Small Children

1. Comiket is harsh enough for regular adults. All parents should place the highest priority on your child's welfare on attending Comiket. In addition to making sure to keeping an eye on your child, please monitor his or her condition at all times.
2. Comiket does not have childcare services nor medication designed for children.
3. Please plan your visit around your child's fitness and needs in attending the event. Make sure to equip him or her with an ID badge, or other means of identification. The ID should contain your child's name, home address and emergency contact information (i.e. cell phone, the circle you are working at, hotel, etc.) Contact the Information Desk if your child has gotten lost.

#### ■Suggested Packing List

- Catalog (to allow you to check maps and instructions for the event)
- Cash (paper currency in smaller denominations and coins )
- Wallet (preferably a type that is easy to remove and store your money)
- Spare wallet (with enough emergency cash for your return journey)
- Health Insurance card (for receiving emergency medical care)
- ID (with your name and address, contact

details of your family and friends)

- Medical kit (any medication which you may need, such as prescription medication, band aids, sanitary supplies)
- Small garbage bags (to collect your trash)

### ■ Regarding Consumption of Alcohol

As it is a celebratory occasion marking the 40th anniversary of Comiket, you are welcome to toast with friends. We ask you however, to adhere to the following rules.

- Be sensible and do not cause nuisance to the people around you.
- You must not drink if you are a minor (under 20 years old), or if you are planning to drive.
- You must not offer or force alcoholic drinks on a minor (under 20 years old), or someone who is planning to drive.

## ■ Do not loiter overnight or arrive at the venue during late night hours!

**Please respect public manners and make Comiket enjoyable**

Perhaps it was the desire for freedom to self-express present in everyone that gave birth to Comiket 40 years ago. However the social environment has changed with the passing of the time, and it has become necessary for Comiket to refocus its raison d'etre, from “welcoming any manifestation of self-expression” to “maintaining continuity of the event”. This decision has resulted in the adoption of numerous restrictions at Comiket. We have been seeking ways to coexist happily with the wider society, while continuing to

provide a space for free expressions.

There is one particular issue that is crucial for the survival of Comiket, which we ask everyone to think about:

### **The problem of attendees who loiter overnight or arrive during late hours**

These activities are absolutely unacceptable, and here's why:

- It has become a security concern for the neighborhood, as people loiter around the venue late at night. There have been incidents of theft and mugging targeted at those who arrive during late night hours. We have been severely reprimanded by the police as a result.
- There have been many complaints from neighboring facilities pertaining to those arriving late at night, trespassed inside buildings and private property to spend the night, and / or causing defacing and destruction of private property, (e.g. trampling on lawns) and leaving behind trash strewn everywhere.
- Many attendees who arrive during the night fall sick and collapse as a result from spending long hours being exposed to elements. Waiting in line for entry into Comiket for an extended duration is very tiring and may have adverse effects on your condition, in some cases resulting in hypothermia. Such incident must not be taken lightly as it can be fatal, which in turn will make it impossible for Comiket to rent the facilities next time. With no venue available, there can be no Comiket, and all of us will lose that precious space of we call our own.

● Please be aware that a considerable proportion of the budget is being spent to tackle the issue of the “overnighters and late arrivers” . While this diversion of funds toward accommodating unwanted visitors is unavoidable for the safe operation of Comiket, but we wish everyone to recognize that it is placing unreasonable and not-so-small burden on other participants. Please think about the individual responsibilities, in order to maintain this space for all forms of self-expressions, for ourselves and for the next generation who may follow in our footsteps to become part of our community. It is a mission for all of us to guard and nurture this unique space.

## ■ Guidelines on Entering Comiket

### ■ When you are approaching the line holding area

1. Comiket staff will guide you to the line holding area to join the waiting line. Please follow their instructions.
2. You must not go through areas which are marked out of bounds.
3. Be aware that during some hours, such as during loading hours in the morning, there are situations where delivery vehicles are given priority over pedestrians for road access.
4. You will be asked to wait in line at the line holding area until the event opening time.

### ■ From the line holding area to the venue entrance

1. Please do not leave your place in the line, until the line is fixed and the time when the line will start to move is announced.

2. You must not cut into the line, or hold places for others arriving later.
3. If you must leave the line to go to the toilet or to get food and drink, please note your position before you go by checking people who are in the line around you.
4. You are asked to take responsibility for looking after your own valuables.
5. Once the line starts to move, you will not be allowed to rejoin the line. Be sure to finish shopping or use the toilet BEFORE the time announced by the staff.
6. Please refrain from any activities which may cause nuisance to local shops and restaurants, such as asking to change paper currency into coins.
7. Please do not leave your belongings behind, including the trash, when you move along the line.
8. There are instances where the line will come to a halt, but please do not leave the line as it may start to move again at any moment.

### ■ Other reminders until the event opening time

1. If you are meeting up with other members of your party, please be sure to arrange ahead of time certain details, such as the location, time and the contact numbers, to avoid being confused during Comiket. (**DO NOT arrange to meet up at the circle entry gates or at the station ticket barrier as these locations will be very congested.**)
2. The line holding area will be an open outdoor space. Please dress appropriately for the weather, and take care of your own well-being.

3. Please refrain from using umbrellas as they will take up too much space in tightly organized lines. We ask you to use raincoats instead.

## ■ Disaster Prevention

### ■ Regarding disaster prevention

As a huge number of attendees come to Comiket, there is also a potential for large number of casualties if a natural disaster was to strike. It is necessary to have measures in place to prevent such outcome, but it is equally important that each attendee takes a moment to think what may happen and be aware of your surroundings on a regular basis.

### ■ At all times

Please respect following rules at all times during event:

1. Do not sit down on the floor, or leave your baggage unattended.
2. Do not run or push other people.

### ■ Using Escalators

Safety mechanism may be triggered and cause the escalator to stop if it is overloaded or if small items or parts of clothing, such as the skirt hem, get caught between the steps. Please follow the following guideline when using an escalator.

1. Do not walk on escalators.
2. Baggage carts and trolleys with excessive load are not permitted on escalators.
3. Please lift up long trailing skirts and other parts of the clothing, which may get caught between the steps.
4. Please be sure to hold onto small pieces of accessories and other items which may detach and fall accidentally.

## ■ Facility Security Measures

We ask all attendees for their cooperation to follow these following steps to prevent incidents and crimes at Comic Market.

### ■ What to do if you see a suspicious object

An object is deemed suspicious if its owner and its content are unknown. If you find an unusual object at Comiket, ask the people nearby if it belongs to anyone. If it remains unclaimed, call a member of Comiket staff. Basic rules when you find a suspicious object are: “Don't touch it! Don't sniff it! Don't disturb it!” Please do not take matters into your own hands. Also raising excessive alarm about such incidents will cause the crowd to panic. We ask you to remain calm and act swiftly.

There will be a safety announcement at 10:40, at which point all attendees are asked to check their surroundings for any suspicious objects.

### ■ In case of a major incident, e.g. natural disaster.

In case of an emergency, such as fire, do not panic but follow the instructions by Comiket staff. You must act swiftly; leave large baggage behind, and only take the valuables with you.

## ■ First Aid

The first aid station will be available for the duration of the event, to those who have suffered injury or have become ill. Please be reminded that visiting the first aid station should limited to cases where someone is so ill that they are unable to recover on their own.

The first aid station is located in Conference Room 3 on the north side of Hall 3. There are

two first aid tents located in South Court B and Outdoor Exhibition Space (West Car Park). See map on p.8 for more detail. Both the first aid station and aid tents can only provide rudimentary care, and the attendees are asked to look after themselves by being prepared. We suggest packing items listed on p.18 when coming to Comiket.

**■When using the first aid station**

Although the first aid station is staffed by doctors and nurses, it has limited facilities and little medication. As it can only provide simple first aid treatments (typical of a school's nurse's office), we ask the attendees to bring their own supply of necessary items.

\*We ask attendees to purchase for themselves any items which are available from convenience stores. General medication such as painkillers and cold remedies stocked at the first aid station are purchased using funds gathered through circle participants fees. There is a limit to the stock, and we would appreciate your understanding that these should be given to patients in genuine need.

**■If you have a pre-existing medical condition**

Please be aware that Comic Market may prove to be a harsh environment for some people. As stated previously, there will be no stock of prescription medication.

If you have a pre-existing medical condition that requires certain medication, please be sure to bring your own stock when attending the event. It would be helpful to have a copy of prescription as well, specifying the name of the medication and prescribed dosage.

If you have a pre-existing medical condition and

are considering a visit to Comiket, please consult your doctor beforehand to be advised on your ability to attend. (We have produced a paragraph outlining Comiket, which can be shown to your primary care provider/s to assist in your decision making process. See below.)

To Primary Health Care Provider/Doctor in Charge,

Your patient, who is asking your advise, is about to embark to Japan in order to attend a large scale social event for like-minded fans. This venue will be attended by large numbers of people (above 15,000) and it will be crowded.

If there is a distinct possibility that your patient's condition could worsen as a result of exposure to high stresses and/or shock as a result of attending large and crowded places, please provide advise to your patient regarding how to prevent and/or address such complications. Also, if your patient's illness is being managed through medication, please write out the exact name of the illness, the primary active ingredient in the patient's prescription and its dosage, and the most common symptoms that would arise from the onset of your patient's illness. Instruct your patient to carry this information on-hand so that it can be easily be referenced in case of emergencies.

Please be advised that the medical aid team on site at Comic Market can only guide someone who has fallen ill to a hospital we feel would best meet the needs of the patient. We cannot administer medical treatment at Comic Market. Thank you for your understanding and please make sure that your patient understands these risks involved and takes appropriate measures.

**■If you see a sick or injured person**



If you see a sick or injured person, cooperate with other attendees and call a Comiket staff immediately. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE.** This is necessary to avoid possible confusion from having a number of attendees making multiple emergency calls for the same incident, and also to allow an ambulance to reach the patient swiftly. It would be helpful if you can stay with the patient until the staff arrives on the scene. Please cooperate with the venue and the emergency crew, to enable swift and effective response.

### ■Lastly, first aid at Comiket Special 6 is different from regular Comiket

We have changed the name from first aid to first aid station at Comiket Special 6.

The floor space for first aid is smaller than at regular sessions of Comiket, and therefore the number of patients who can be admitted is also smaller.

Please look after your own well-being, and enjoy a safe and sound day at the event.

## ■Press Coverage and Interviews

If you are attending the Comic Market as part of any type of fieldwork for a public or commercial news media service or entertainment provider, you are required to register at the press registration and follow instructions issued at the time. Japanese laws pertaining to privacy contain provisions regarding nonconsensual filming and photographing of private individuals, even when they are in public places. Please refrain from filming, photographing or carrying out interviews near Comiket prior to registration.

### ■Press registration location and press inquiries

Press registration and press inquiries on the day of the event will be processed in Conference Room 5, Hall 5 (North end). For inquiries before the event, please refer to the contact addresses on P27, and the Comiket Special 6 official web site. For inquiries regarding large scale media, such as television programs, please contact us as soon as possible. We may not be able to meet your request without prior communication.

### ■About Press Registration

1. Anyone working for commercial organizations, or their subsidiary groups, who wishes to carry out press fieldwork must be registered. You may find pre-registration to be more expedient than on the day of the event. Please refer to the Comiket Special 6 official web site for more detail on press pre-registration.
2. You will be asked to state the purpose of your fieldwork, the organization you work



for, and to supply a proof of ID. Please provide 2 business cards which show your full name, your organization, and your contact details. If you do not have business cards, then you will be asked for an alternative means of proving your identity and affiliation.

3. You must be agree to a briefing on the rules and the codes of conduct, and an individual responsible for the press team must sign a statement agreeing to the terms specified.

**■When carrying out press coverage**

1. You will receive an arm band and a press ID after registering. Please wear them at all times during your fieldwork. When you have finished, please return the arm band and ID to Press Registration (Conference Room 5, Hall 5, North end).
2. Comiket staff members will accompany press fieldwork when necessary, for example when a large group might need assistance in navigating Comiket.
3. If individuals participating will be easily identifiable in recorded images, you must get their permission to be recorded and/or photographed. Nonconsensual filming/photography of individuals, any attempt in concealing that you are filming/photographing, any attempt to film/photograph others illicitly or stealthily will not be tolerated.
4. When photographing / filming, please check around yourself to ensure your actions do not endanger public safety.
5. There may be instances where you are asked to stop your work, for security and

safety reasons. Please follow the instructions by Comiket staff. (Please be reminded that there are certain areas where filming and taking photographs are prohibited either permanently or temporarily.)

6. Any actions which may cause accidents and injuries, such as using strong lighting and doing fieldwork in congested area, are prohibited.
7. There are certain areas where the uses of tripods, monopods and reflector screens are permitted. However, you are prohibited from using step ladders within Comiket.
8. If you are going to film or interview cosplayers, please familiarize yourself beforehand with the rules of cosplay filming / photography.

**■When you are being filmed, photographed or interviewed**

1. Please ask to see the ID (e.g. a business card which shows contact details) of the person who has approached you, and ask which organization is carrying out the press fieldwork, and for what purpose.
2. If you are approached or if you notice any press activity being carried out by someone who is not wearing a press arm band and press ID, please report to Comiket staff immediately. If you receive any unpleasant or inappropriate treatment by press persons, please take note of the details such as the names, the organizations, or the press ID numbers, and report to Comiket staff immediately. (Please note that press passes may not be issued for the not-for-profit activities, such as academic researches. See below.)



3. You as a participant at Comiket, have the right to choose whether to be filmed / interviewed or not. Please indicate clearly about your intention to accept or refuse such requests, but also treat the press with respect. We ask you to be aware that extreme reaction may give wrong impression to the person approaching you. On the other hand please think carefully about the significance of making comments and showing behaviors in front of the media, and how individual responses can impact the overall perception of Comiket in society. Take pride, and communicate your passion for doujinshi and Comiket.

#### ■ Non-profit or private persons (academic and personal researchers)

1. Non-profit and/or individuals conducting research in their own capacity for personal reasons may be exempt from press registration, but you must act within the boundaries set out by Comiket's codes of conduct, and other rules and restrictions regarding the recording of images, as described in previous sections. Please also read "Filming and photographing by



individuals for non-profit purposes available on the Comiket website (<http://www.comiket.co.jp/info-a/NonProfitCollect.html>), and abide by its rules.

2. If you are filming movies or streaming on the internet, you must make sure that the people around you are aware of your filming activity.
3. You must respect the right to privacy of persons you are filming, as there are attendees who may wish not to be filmed.
4. If you are interviewing individuals, or recording images where individuals can be easily identified, you must first declare your name, contact details and the purposes of your actions, and gain consent before proceeding.
5. There are certain areas where filming and taking photographs are prohibited either permanently or temporarily. Please follow the instruction by the staff.

## ■ Setting up Comiket

- Comiket relies on volunteers to set up the facilities needed for the event.
- Why not help out by laying out tables at the venue that looks very different from what you are accustomed to?
- The work involves marking out the table positions, and setting up tables and chairs in position as they are loaded off the trucks.
- Please wear sensible clothes and bring work gloves with you. We appreciate your cooperation.
- Meeting Time: 12:00 (Midday), March 27th.
- Meeting Point: Outside Hall 5, Level 2.

- For any inquiries during the venue set up, please go to the Information Desk (Organizers' Office no.5, Hall 5). You are also reminded that there are no trash cans on-site on the 27th.

## ■ Lost and Found

### ■ What to do if you find a lost property

- If you find a lost property during the event period, please report to your nearest Information Desk.
- There are Information Desks in Halls 1, 3 and 5, and also at Organizers' Office no.5 (Hall 5).
- When you file your report, please state clearly when and where you found the item, and its description.

### ■ What to do if you have lost an item

- Lost properties which are found during the event period will be returned at the Main Reception Desk in Hall 5 (Organizers' Office no.5). If you are in doubt of the location, please ask a member of Comiket staff.
- During Comiket Special Live on 28th March, lost properties may be claimed from Information Desk in Hall 1.

### ■ Inquiries after the event

You can claim lost property after the closing of event until 17:00.

If you become aware after the event that you have lost an item, please take your inquiry to the venue facility itself (Markuhari Messe General Administration Center).

## ■ Home Delivery Service

· Home delivery service is available for the duration of the event.

Hours: 14:00 (approx) ~ 17:00

Please read carefully the following instructions before using the service:

- Please go to the drop off only after you have finished packing at your own circle space.
- Comiket does not provide tapes and other packing materials. Please go to the delivery service providers with your inquiry.
- Please make sure to complete forms beforehand. Take care when attaching a form, as its adhesive backing will not stick properly to packing tape material. Also, please remove any previous labels, as this may cause confusion.
- Please secure your package so that the bottom does not fall out, and fill up the space inside.
- You cannot use home delivery service to dispatch cash. Also make sure that you do not pack your return travel tickets by mistake.

**You cannot send packages abroad from the venue. If you are planning to send packages abroad, please check how you may do so beforehand.**

## ■ Communication from Comiket

For news and information on Comiket, please go to our official web site.

URL <http://cmksp.jp/cs6/w/>

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You can also follow us on Twitter (@cmksp), for the latest updates and announcements.

# About Cosplay

Cosplay is an act of donning costumes of characters from manga, anime and games, and those of TV and movie stars, or wearing real life occupational uniforms, to dress up and transform into someone else. What distinguishes cosplay from simply dressing up in fancy dress, is the attitude of the person in costume: his / her passion for the character and the manga, anime, game etc from which it is lifted, and his / her enthusiasm to act in character. Comiket recognizes and respects cosplay as another form of self-expression.

We also recognize that there is much fun to be had in meeting new friends and socializing with others through shared passion for cosplay.

There is a specific guideline at Comiket, which we ask everyone to follow. Please respect rules and manners, be considerate to other attendees, and enjoy cosplay at Comiket.

## ■ Dressing Room Locations:

Male Dressing Room: Hall 3

Female Dressing Room: March 28th. Hall 1 & Hall 2; March 29th. Hall 1 (2 locations) & Hall 2

\*Please refer to p.8 of venue map.

## Dressing Room Hours:

March 28th- 11:00~17:00

March 29th- 11:00~16:00

\*Registration for using the dressing room closes at 15:00 on both days.

\*Please note the closing time of dressing room on 28th is not the same as the closing time of Comiket Special 6.

\*You may attend Comiket Special Live in the evening of March 28th, in costume. Please refer to p.41 for more details.

## ■ Cosplay Area Location/Hours of Operation

There are 3 Cosplay areas: The “Yasuragi” Mall, Outdoor Exhibition Space, and in South Court (see map on p.8 for more information). Please note that the hours of operation vary between areas. Once the area allotted time for cosplay is over, please follow instructions by the staff and cease cosplay activities, stop photo sessions immediately, and move on to other areas or the dressing room.

## ■ Arriving at the venue and leaving the venue

Please be considerate to other travelers on public transportation, and refrain from travelling to / from the venue dressed up in a cosplay outfit.

## ■Where to change into costume

There are dressing rooms provided for cosplayers. Do not change into costume in any other locations at the venue, including toilets. You are reminded that it is also necessary to register as a cosplayer at the dressing room.

## ■Cosplay Registration

Please register at a cosplay registration desk outside one of the dressing rooms. Cosplay registration will cost 1000 yen per day. You will receive a badge and cosplay registration ID, and you can use the dressing rooms any time on the day, and as much as you like, on showing the badge to the dressing room reception.

The design of the badge will be different for the second day of the event.

Please make sure that you do not lose the badge, as you will be asked to purchase again. Please keep it with you at all times when you are in costume.

## ■About the Dressing Rooms

There are some rules for the users, so that everyone can use the facilities comfortably and safely:

### ■Prohibited activities in the dressing rooms

1. Taking photographs, including snapshots on mobile phones
2. Leaving behind personal belongings

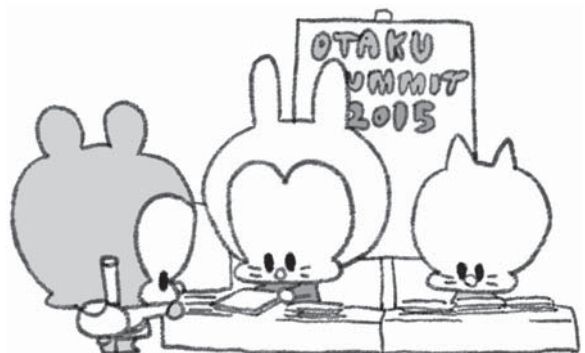
3. Using the room for take a break or as a place to meet up
4. Any acts which may cause damage to the fabric of the building (e.g. using color spray and color mousse)
5. Using power outlets

### ■Please respect the following guideline:

1. Please use the dressing rooms within its operational hours. It is likely to be congested close to closing time. So you should take into consideration the time it takes to return to the dressing rooms and the time it takes for you to change out of costume.
2. Please be considerate to other users, refraining from taking up too much space. Also leave the dressing rooms swiftly once changed, to make space for others.
3. If you are unsure about rules regarding Cosplay, costumes, props, or have any question about Cosplay, do not hesitate to ask the staff nearby.

## ■Rules regarding costumes and props

In order to comply with Japanese laws and local ordinances, there are cases where certain



costumes and props, or cosplay items, are either prohibited or restricted in their usage.

### ■ Costumes which are prohibited

1. A costume that exposes too much skin, which may be deemed as indecent exposure (e.g. undergarment or genitalia is exposed, genitalia is visible through materials) For more information, please refer to the later section, **Check List Regarding Exposure.**

2. A costume which may damage, or soil the venue facilities (e.g. wet paint or other substances that can rub off easily)

### ■ Costumes which are permitted with certain restrictions

1. A costume which may be restricted in movement out of cosplay area

2. Massive costumes which cannot fit through doorways, or may break in doing so

● If it can be taken apart, or rearranged, then massive costumes may be permitted.

● Please move between different areas while in compact mode. (You must be accompanied by a second person if you cannot maneuver on your own.)

1. Long trailing costume (e.g. long skirts and capes)

● Please tuck-in, hold or remove such aspects of clothing when moving between areas outside the cosplay area, so you do not drag the costume along the floor.

1. A costume which may limit your field of vision (e.g. helmets, masks, eye patches and bandages)

● Please ensure the safety of people around

you when moving between areas.

1. A costume which may physically harm other attendees (e.g. a costume piece which has sharp metal parts attached to its surface)

● Please remove such piece of clothing when moving between different areas.

1. Uniform of certain occupations with powers to enforce authority (e.g. police officers, fire fighters and security guards)

● Please cover-up your costume partially while moving between different areas.

● You are prohibited from making comments or exhibiting behavior which may cause others to mistake you to be a real officer.

### ■ Cosplay items which are prohibited

Items which are prohibited from Comiket (p.17)

### ■ Cosplay items which are restricted

Items which mimic weapons:

● You may only use items which do not infringe the Swords and Firearms Control Law

● Pellets, gas and batteries must be removed from toy guns (e.g. airsoft guns, gas guns, electric airsoft guns) so that they cannot fire objects Large items which do not fit through doorways, or may break when doing so:

● Please check the safety of other people around you when you are moving about while carrying large items.

### ■ Check List Regarding Exposure

1. Dressing in costume without wearing underwear is prohibited.

- Nipple stickers and silicone adhesive bras are accepted as underwear.
  - If wearing swimwear, then it must be worn with jock strap or underwear.
2. Costume which exposes underwear is prohibited.
- This includes costumes with wide neck and side openings which allow the underwear to be seen through the gaps.
  - Bra straps which are designed to be seen are permitted.
  - Types of pants which are designed to be worn over other clothes are permitted as costumes.
3. A costume which exposes too much skin is prohibited
- For female Cosplayers, 2/3 of the front chest area and the underwear must be covered.
  - If a skirt is very short or in case where any movement may cause underwear to show, we recommend wearing tights or pantyhose.

### ■ How to protect yourself from illicit stealth photography

The general rule is that photographers must get permission from the person being photographed. However, we recommend wearing tights and pantyhose to protect yourself from unwelcome attention.

- Short and tight costumes which may expose the underwear when striking poses
- Costumes which expose large expanses of skin, such as shorts, leotards and swimming wear

## ■ About the Cosplay Area

There is a guideline for using cosplay area, to maintain everyone's enjoyment.

### ■ Making your way to the cosplay area

- Please check the locations of cosplay areas (see p.8 for the venue maps).
- Access routes to cosplay areas may change depending on the state of congestion at Comiket. Please pay attention to staff announcements.

### ■ Prohibited activities at Cosplay areas

- Acts which are prohibited at Comiket (e.g. throwing, swinging or kicking objects)
- Climbing or jumping off objects
- Indiscriminately distributing flyers
- Other activities which defy instructions from the staff

### ■ To Anyone who wishes to photograph or film Cosplayers

1. If an individual can easily be identified in recorded images, then you must get permission from them before proceeding with photographing / filming.
2. When filming or taking photographs, please check around you to ensure that your actions do not endanger persons nearby. Any activities which may cause accidents, such as pointing a strong spot light toward people, are prohibited.
3. There may be instances where due to congestion in the Cosplay area, Comiket staff or security guards will ask you to stop photographing / filming altogether, or refrain from using your equipment.



4. Following list of behaviors will not be welcome by some people. Please take care not be a nuisance to those being photographed and other people around you.

- Taking long time to photograph/film one person
- Converge on a cosplayer en masse
- Forcing a cosplayer to strike certain poses
- Photographing / filming from extremely low angles
- Photographing / filming close up shots of breasts, buttocks or genital area.
- Publish the images on the internet or in print without permission
- Pester for contact details or follow around cosplayers

#### ■ To Cosplayers who are being photographed/filmed

1. You are prohibited from partaking in photographing/filming of images which may be in breach of Japanese laws and local ordinances, such as exposing underwear or genitalia on purpose.
2. You are at liberty to turn down requests asking you to be photographed/filmed.
3. If you have any inquiry, or are experiencing any trouble, please do not hesitate to talk to the staff.

#### ■ Photographing/ filming equipment

Please take care that using equipment does not cause nuisance to people around you.

#### ■ Equipment which are prohibited

- Equipment which are not used in ordinary photographing / filming activities (e.g. infra-red cameras, micro cameras)

- Other equipment which Comiket staff have judged to be inappropriate

#### ■ Adverse Weather Conditions

There are instances where rain and adverse weather may restrict the use of Cosplay areas. Please accept that details of restrictions will vary depending on the state of congestion at Comiket.

## ■ Cosplay at OTAKU Summit Special Live

You are welcome to attend Otaku Summit Special Live in cosplay. In addition to the guidelines for cosplay as described in previous sections, we ask you to take note of the following points.

- Dressing rooms are available between 16:00 – 20:30, to those who are attending OTAKU Summit Special Live.
- Please show your ticket for the live event when you enter the dressing room. There will be no charge to register for Cosplay if you are planning to be in costume only for the live event.
- Photographing / filming/ recording artists on stage, including making such recordings on your mobile phone during the performance, are all acts strictly prohibited.
- If you wish to employ flash photography to shoot people in cosplay and / or take snapshots of yourselves while the live is in session, please be very considerate to others around you.

**Photography of artists on stage is strictly prohibited.**