

## CEDEC2026 Call for Speakers

Thank you for your interest in speaking at CEDEC2026.

CEDEC is a conference for computer entertainment – including video games – industry, and for developers and others engaged in related work in this. And through CEDEC we aim to help them improve their respective development capabilities by exchanging information and ideas, and to aim for the overall development of the industry.

In view of these objectives, we ask that proposals for sessions be submitted according to the guidelines outlined below.

**<Regular sessions, short sessions, panel discussions, roundtables, interactive sessions, workshops, tutorials>**

**Application Period: Monday, January 5 – Monday, February 8, 2026, 10:00 A.M. (JST)**

**[Go to Application Form](#)**

**<Lightning Talk Sessions>**

**Application Period: Monday, January 5 – Monday, April 6, 2026, 10:00 A.M. (JST)**

**[Go to Application Form](#)**

**\*Please make sure to complete your post by 10:00 AM.(JST) After 10:00 AM, posting and editing will no longer be possible.**

### Main Changes from Last Year

- How to Fill Out the Application Form: We have updated examples of good and poor submissions.  
Please take a look, even if you have presented in the past.
- We have added guidelines regarding Lightning Talk Sessions (CEDEC Lightning) and important notes for speakers.
- We have updated the requirements for speaker names and profile photos.
- We have clarified the conditions for talks given by non-Japanese (foreign language) speakers.

### Precautions for CEDEC2026

For CEDEC2026, we plan to use a hybrid format that combines lectures at the on-site venue with live streaming and time-shifted streaming. (\*Interactive sessions, roundtables, workshops, and lightning talk sessions will be held on-site only.)

When submitting a session application, speakers will be asked to select their presentation method from the following four options.

- (1) Going to the venue to present (on-site presentation)
- (2) Providing pre-recorded videos (video presentation)
- (3) Giving a presentation remotely (on ZOOM) (remote presentation)

The selection will be finalized after you've been accepted and we receive your consent to speak. At that time, we will again confirm that you are willing to give the presentation, and ask you to decide on the presentation method.

For the "Roundtable", "Interactive Session", and "Workshop" sessions, the organizers will provide an environment where you can interact with the participants, and you will be asked to conduct your sessions in that environment. For more details, please refer to "9) Environment for Roundtables, Interactive Sessions, and Workshops" under "Points to Note" near the bottom of this page.

Please note that operation and plans are subject to change based on social circumstances or requests from relevant organizations. In such case, we will promptly notify you of any changes.

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## Application Requirements

- Session (60 minutes)
- Short Session (25 minutes)
- Panel Discussion (60 minutes)
- Roundtable (60 minutes)
- Interactive Session
- Hands-on workshop
- Tutorial
- Lightning Talk Session

For the details of each session format, please refer to the “Formats of CEDEC sessions”.

Please make your presentation in Japanese.

Applicants must fill out the following:

### Session title/Session description/Expected skills/Level of difficulty

Please describe these items in such a manner as to communicate effectively to the website audience.

Information on last year’s lectures can be viewed ⇒ [here](#).

- Expected skills: Please fill in the experience and skills you expect the participants to have.
- Ideas to take away: The knowledge to be gained by participants. Briefly fill in what it is you want to tell people through your session.
- Level of difficulty: Please define the difficulty of the session.

0:Basic

1:Fundamental

2:Intermediate

3:Advanced

### Session details

Please provide a detailed description of your presentation for the judges, aiming for approximately one A4 page (around 500 words, up to a maximum of 800 characters).

This item will not be open to the public, and will only be disclosed to the CEDEC Operation Committee, the judges of the event.

Please refer to the “CEDEC2026 Session Submission Sheet” for the entry format.. (Please fill out the submission form on the speaker-only site once applications open. Please review the format for reference.)

### Attachments

If necessary, in order to provide an explanation for the content, you may attach files up to 100MB.

This item will not be open to the public, and will only be disclosed to the CEDEC Operation Committee, the judges of the event.

### Session format

Please refer to the “Formats of CEDEC sessions” and specify a format you would like to present.

### Session Genre

Please refer to the Definition of CEDEC Session Genres and select one main category (required) and any number of subcategories (optional).

### Target Platforms

Please select any specific platforms your content is dependent on, if applicable.

Select the most appropriate platform. More than one may be chosen.  
For platform-independent content, select Not applicable.

- Not applicable ``Content which is not dependent on a platform listed above or content whose focus is not the platform side
- Arcade:Commercial game machines, other embedded devices and the like
- Consumer:Home or portable game consoles
- Mobile:Smartphones, tablet devices and other mobile devices
- PC:Windows, Mac or other OS

### Notes

If your presentation requires any special equipment or involves any considerations that need attention, please indicate them.

### Speaker information

Please insert information about the key presenter and supportive presenters.

### Co-researchers, co-developers and contributors

If you would like to credit other personnel other than the speaker as collaborators for your work, please provide their details. (Optional)

Applications must be submitted through the website. You may revise your submission at any time until the deadline. When preparing your applications, please note that even themes of substantial interest may be rejected if their content, such as the clarity of the descriptions, is insufficient. Proposals that cannot be properly evaluated may be declined. Below, we have provided examples of good and poor submissions for your reference when applying.

### Special benefits for public entries and accepted speakers

We will provide the following special benefits to persons who are selected after having applied and passed the screening.

#### Special Benefits for Public Entries:

★One of the following CEDEC2026 passes will be provided at the CESA member price.

- Regular pass (1)
- Daily pass (1)
- Online pass (1)

★CEDEC2026 logoed sticker

\*Regular pass: Passholders can enter visit Pacifico Yokohama and attend lectures during the event period. Also, can view live streaming and time-shifted streaming.

\*Daily pass: Passholders can enter Pacifico Yokohama and attend lectures for one day during the event period. Live streaming and time-shifted streaming cannot be viewed.

\*Online pass: Passholders can view live streaming and time-shifted streaming.

#### Special Benefits for Accepted Speakers:

★Complimentary CEDEC2026 Pass

Session, Panel Discussion, and Roundtable: Speakers will receive up to three conference passes for free-of-charge.  
Short Session: Speaker will receive one conference pass for free.

Interactive Session: Speakers will receive up to two conference passes for free-of-charge.

Thus even when a speaker holds more than one session at CEDEC, he or she still receive one pass.

Lightning Talk Session: Please select your preference from the choices below.

A. Purchase either of the following CEDEC2026 Passes at the CESA member price

- Regular Pass (For a single attendee)
- Daily Pass (For a single attendee)

B. Receive an Expo & Sponsor Pass provided at no cost

- \*Depending on the circumstances, the number of participants may be adjusted to prevent the spread of infection.
- \*For speakers whose sessions exceed the number of expected participants, staff passes that are only valid for the relevant session will be provided for the number of people who can enter.
- \*There are no benefits for applicants for the Lightning Talk Session. Benefits are provided only to those whose proposals are accepted.

## Review

The proposals we receive for sessions will be judged according to the following process.

### 1) Review based on the content described in the submission form

The CEDEC Steering Committee will review the content, and decide whether the proposal is accepted.

The CEDEC Secretariat will contact the submitters of accepted session proposals, and will commence discussions for session details. Contact is scheduled to be made in late March to early April 2026.

### 2) Review based on the submission with additional information

The CEDEC Steering Committee may, where necessary, ask for further information to be provided in addition to that contained in this submission. We will review your application based on this material, and decide whether the proposal is accepted.

In cases where we request additional information, contact is scheduled to be made to notify you of the result in late March 2026.

## Streaming services of Session Content

Streaming services of session content for CEDEC 2026 are scheduled to be conducted by the following methods.

### 1) Live streaming services (applies to all sessions)

In line with the hybrid event format, live streaming will be available on the CEDEC web page for those registered for CEDEC2026. (Excludes select sessions, roundtables, workshops, interactive sessions, and lightning talk sessions)

### 2) Time-shifted streaming services (applies to all sessions)

Session content for CEDEC 2026 will be made available through time-shifted streaming video services for a limited duration, starting from the day after a All parties considering an application are asked to keep this in mind.

Streaming target: All sessions (Excludes some sessions, roundtables, interactive sessions, and workshops)

Viewers: CEDEC 2026 pass purchasers

Streaming period: The day after a session has ended – August 3, 10:00 AM ,2026 (plan)

(Sample video: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17skmTv59ubmx17CfDABB\\_cOqule\\_a7va](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17skmTv59ubmx17CfDABB_cOqule_a7va))

### 3) Streaming Environment

For those who opt to conduct sessions live at the venue, we will prepare the following equipment.

■ **Presentation environment:** A long table will be set up on the stage, and the standard presentation style will be to sit at the long table.





\*Please note that it is also possible to give your presentation while moving around on stage, so please let us know if you prefer that style.



■Presentation Materials and Slides

- Up to two computers can be connected for use.
- Please note that speakers are asked to prepare any necessary adapters to enable HDMI output.

Equipment List

Permanent set	Gooseneck mic × 2	
	Wired hand mic × 1	
Available upon request	Wired hand mic  (Sessions with 3 or more speakers may benefit from additional mics)	
	Wireless hand mic  (Advised for sessions in which speakers will be moving on stage)	

Wireless headset mic

(Advised for sessions in which speakers will be moving on stage and using both hands)



\*Only permanent sets will be provided unless otherwise requested

\*Regarding internet connection, a wired LAN connection and Wi-Fi are available for speakers.

\*Please contact us by Friday, May 29 if you require additional equipment.

■ **Miscellaneous:**

•Please inform the Secretariat if you have any plans to bring equipment of your own, including plans on how to connect them.

## Points to Note

Please be mindful of the following points when submitting your application.

### 1) Intellectual Properties

By submitting your application, you confirm that:

- You have obtained approval from your organization.
- Your presentation materials do not infringe any copyright or other intellectual property rights.

Please **do not use copyrighted materials** (e.g., music managed by JASRAC or similar organizations, or works owned by third parties) without proper authorization.

All accepted speakers will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding after selection, so please begin any necessary arrangements early.

### 2) Multiple Applications

You may submit multiple proposals. Please complete a separate form for each application.

### 3) Language to be used for application

- Application form: English or Japanese
- Presentation language: **Japanese Only**

With respect to sessions open for application, non-Japanese speakers must meet one of the following requirements:

- A. Arrange a Japanese interpreter to provide consecutive interpretation (machine translation is not permitted)
- B. Prepare Japanese translations for the entire content of the presentation slides

Please also be sure to inform the Secretariat in advance which option (A or B) you will choose.

### 4) Designation of category and target platform

Please refer to “CEDEC Session Field Definition” and “Target Platform” and specify the category and platform. Please note that the CEDEC Steering Committee may make changes as a result of its screening.

### 5) Information to Provide

Please complete the “Details” section with as much specific information as possible.

The CEDEC Steering Committee will conduct a screening of the information based on the assumption that there is almost no difference from the content of your presentation, so please provide a detailed explanation. You can submit your application in file format (Word or PDF; approximately one page of A4 paper). You can also submit supplementary materials such as images or videos, if any. (Upper limit is approximately 100 MB)

When submitting your application, you may withhold the specific title and other information for confidentiality reasons such as non-disclosure information. However, please provide a detailed explanation of the presentation content (technical aspects).

### 6) Treatment of co-researchers, co-developers and contributors

If you would like to credit other personnel as collaborators for your work, please indicate them in “Co-researchers, co-developers and contributors”. Their name will appear on the website and guidebook as “contributor”, separately from the speaker who will give the actual presentation. Their name will appear on the website and guidebook as “contributor”, separately from the speaker who will give the actual presentation.

### 7) Prohibited Items at Sessions

The following are prohibited at sessions.

#### 1. Presentation Content

With the exception of sponsor sessions, speakers are prohibited from explicitly promoting their company, products, or services to participants, or encouraging participants to make purchases.

Anything that leads to the disclosure of recruiting activities is prohibited.

Presentation titles that include company or product names unrelated to the presentation content is prohibited.

#### 2. Souvenirs and Gifts

Distributing souvenirs or small gifts to participants during or after the presentation is prohibited.



### 3. Dress code during presentations

We have a history of refusing to allow participants to speak with masks or coverings that deviate from the content of the lecture, out of consideration for the participants and to allow them to focus on the content of the lecture. Please wear appropriate attire when giving the presentation.

It should be noted that instances where a speaker is wearing the logo of the company to which he/she belongs, the title of the game that is the subject of the session content, or clothing with characters from the game, etc., will not be regarded as an act of advertising or sales unless 1) and 2) above are performed.

### 7-2) Deemed sales promotions

If it is determined that the content of your proposal is for the purpose of promoting a commercial technology, we may instead present you with a proposal for the sponsor session.

Commercial technology is an important element in modern-day game development, and therefore it is not our policy to exclude applicants who are offering such technology. If it is determined that promotion is not the primary objective, and that it could contribute to improving the development capabilities of the audience, we will proceed to examine your application as a regular candidate for the sessions. of the audience, we will proceed to examine your application as a regular candidate for the sessions.

### 8) Speaker Information

CEDEC encourages speakers to use their real name and provide a photo for publication. This recommendation is intended to promote in-person networking and ensure clarity regarding the responsibility for the presentation content.

However, speakers who wish to present under a name other than their legal name may do so under the following conditions:

1. The preferred name is already publicly recognized through published works, services, or social activities.
2. The presentation content is based on knowledge or experience gained under that name.  
\*If you belong to a company and your presentation is based on work performed for that company, you must use your legal name unless your company officially permits the use of an alias.  
Examples: Independent game developers, writers, manga artists, musicians, streamers, etc.

Regarding profile photos:

If, for any reason, speakers prefer not to disclose a profile photo, they may use an alternative image provided either by the CEDEC Speaker Secretariat or by themselves. Please consult with us separately and provide your reason.

### 9) Roundtable, Hands-on workshop session and Interactive Session environment

Regarding the session format of the "Roundtable and Hands-on workshop," the Steering Committee will prepare an environment where participants can interact with others. Please apply with content in accordance with the details given here.

The Steering Committee will prepare the following environment:

The following points are changes from CEDEC2026.

1. No online event
2. No live streaming of discussions (only attendees will be able to view the discussions/workshops)
3. No advance application required

•Interactive Session

For specific examples, please refer to the "Interactive session's regulations".

### 10) Regarding Lightning Talk Sessions

At CEDEC2026, following last year, we will hold “Lightning Talk (LT) Sessions,” in which presentations will be given in a short format of about five minutes.

[Precautions]

1. The open call for submissions for Lightning Talk Sessions will begin on January 5, the same day as for other sessions. However, the results will be announced on Monday, April 6, after the submission period. Please note that the schedule differs from that of other sessions.
2. Please note that the application form for Lightning Talk Sessions differ from those for other sessions.
  - For more details on Lightning Talk Sessions, see Lightning Talk Session Application Guidelines (PDF).

### **11) Preferential treatment for patent applications (Exception to Loss of Novelty of an Invention)**

Under the provisions of Article 30 clause of the Patent Act (Exception to Loss of Novelty of an Invention), inventions or ideas announced at CEDEC will Under the provisions of Article 30 clause of the Patent Act (Exception to Loss of Novelty of an Invention), inventions or ideas announced at CEDEC will receive preferential treatment for exception to loss of novelty of an invention when patent applications are completed within one year after the presentation.

### **12) Management of application materials**

Your application will only be used for CEDEC administration purposes.

Although the Steering Committee consists of professionals from the computer entertainment industry, we guarantee that your application content will not be misappropriated for the benefit of any organization to which committee members belong.

### **13) Session schedules**

The dates and times for public entry sessions to be held will be determined by the Steering Committee.

Please ensure that your schedules allow presentations to be made at any date and time during the conference period.

Also note that we are unable to accept requests for specific dates or times.

### **14) Introduction of CEDiL**

Information on previous sessions up to last year is available on CEDiL (<http://cedil.cesa.or.jp>), which can be viewed by anyone who completes free Please use the information for your reference.

### **15) Contact from the Secretariat**

The Secretariat may contact applicants directly.

For inquiries, please reach out to: [cedec\\_lightning\\_2026@cedec.jp](mailto:cedec_lightning_2026@cedec.jp)

We sincerely look forward to receiving your applications.