

CEDEC Lightning 2026 Application Guidelines

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Application period: Monday, January 5, 2026 – 10:00 AM (JST) on Monday, April 6

CEDEC Lightning 2026 — Your 5 Minutes Can Change the Future of Games

Last year, CEDEC Lightning debuted as a bold new experiment. We want to thank everyone who spoke and everyone who joined us. Since it was the first event, it wasn't perfect—but what we witnessed on that stage was pure creative energy: the spark that drives game development. Sharing that moment together was truly priceless.

And this year, CEDEC Lightning 2026 is leveling up.

We're keeping that same passion, while making the content sharper, the experience bigger, and the stage more open for those who want to share their ideas.

The theme for CEDEC 2026 is "Co-Create."

CEDEC is built by speakers, participants, and the entire community. We want CEDEC Lightning to embody that spirit. Your ideas can make CEDEC more exciting and more meaningful.

CEDEC Lightning welcomes you and offers an easy way to jump in. We're looking for topics such as:

- Quick tips or insights from your ongoing research
- Something that won't fit in a 25- or 60-minute session? Five minutes is all you need
- A stepping stone toward a full session next year
- Extra context or retrying a topic from a regular session submission

Through live, on-site talks, we aim to spark more conversations, networking, and connections among developers. That's the heart of CEDEC Lightning.

CEDEC is shaped by you—the speakers.

Your five minutes could change someone's future.

Let's **Co-Create** and make CEDEC 2026 the best CEDEC ever!

CEDEC2026 Steering Committee Vice-Chairperson Takanori Kaneko

Event and Session Details

Event Date and Venue

- Date: During the CEDEC event (exact schedule will be announced once finalized)
*Sessions are expected to take place during the lunch break.
- Venue: CEDEC Venue, 1st Floor of Pacifico Yokohama North (details will be announced once finalized)

Session Format

- Format: On-site presentations only (online or pre-recorded sessions are not permitted).
- Duration: 5 minutes per speaker, with 1-minute intervals between talks.
- Presentation Materials: Slides and other materials must be projected using the speaker's own PC.
- Streaming: CEDEC Lightning 2026 will not be streamed online or made available for on-demand.
*Please note that details are subject to change. We appreciate your understanding.

Equipment

- Audio equipment such as microphones and speakers will be provided.
- A lectern will be available for speakers.

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Application and Screening Evaluations

- Application schedule
- Application period: Monday, January 5, 2026 – 10:00 AM (JST) on Monday, April 6
- Results announcement: Planned for late April 2026

How to Apply

- Submit your application via **Google Form**.

Screening Process

- Applications will be reviewed based on the information provided in the online form.
- The CEDEC Steering Committee will evaluate the submitted content and determine its acceptance

Benefits for Accepted Speakers:

You may choose one of the following options:

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

Important Notes

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.

Multiple Applications

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

Language

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

Category Selection

Please review the Definitions of CEDEC Session Genres and select the appropriate category.

Information to Provide

- Complete the “Details” section with as much specific information as possible.
- Screening will assume minimal differences between your application and the actual presentation, so please provide a clear and detailed explanation.
- If confidentiality is required (e.g., non-public information), you may omit specific titles or names. However, please ensure the technical aspects of your presentation are described in detail.

Prohibited Items at Sessions

The following are prohibited at Lightning Talk Sessions.

1. Presentation Content

- With the exception of sponsor sessions, speakers are prohibited from explicitly promoting their company, products, or service, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Timetable

The timetable will be decided by the Steering Committee. Requests for specific presentation times cannot be accommodated. Please ensure you are available to present at any time during the designated event hours.

Contact from the Secretariat

The Secretariat may contact applicants directly.

For inquiries, please reach out to: cedec_lightning_2026@cedec.jp

We sincerely look forward to receiving your applications.