

THE 39TH JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST FOR NORTHERN REGION

Rules and Regulations

1. General

1.1 The contest is divided into 2 categories, namely:-

- (a) Student category
- (b) Open category

The applicants are required to apply under the appropriate category.

1.2 Each application for student category must be endorsed by the school's principal.

1.3 The application form together with handwritten manuscript must be submitted to the Secretariat either by 1) hand delivery, 2) postal mail or 3) email before the stipulated dates. The manuscript must be an original work of the applicant and the speech must not have previously been presented in other contest or event.

1.4 The Consulate-General of Japan in Penang reserves the right to publish or display any applicants' manuscripts, names and pictures for publicity purposes.

1.5 Application Form and Rules and regulations can be sent via email from the Secretariat. Please contact the secretariat as shown below.

2. Theme

There is no theme of the speech for both categories; therefore, the applicants are free to make a speech about anything they would like. The applicants are to decide their own appropriate title. The speech must be within 5 minutes' length. Creative speech is appreciated!

3. Contestant's Eligibility

3.1 Student Category

Open to Malaysian students who:-

- (a) are currently attending secondary school in Malaysia
- (b) resides in the States of Penang, Perlis, Kedah, Perak, Kelantan or Terengganu as of 12th May 2018
- (c) have not stayed in Japan for a total of 6 months as of 12th May 2018
- (d) whose mother tongue is not Japanese; and
- (e) either parent is not a Japanese national.

3.2 Open Category

Open to Malaysian nationals who:-

- (a) are NOT currently attending secondary schools in Malaysia
- (b) resides in the States of Penang, Perlis, Kedah, Perak, Kelantan or Terengganu as of 12th May 2018
- (c) are above the age 17 as of 12th May 2018
- (d) have not stayed in Japan for a total of 6 months as of 12th May 2018
- (e) whose mother tongue is not Japanese; and
- (f) either parent is not a Japanese national.

4. Screening

- 4.1 In case where the number of applications exceeds the limitation, the Secretariat will conduct the 1st screening based on the handwritten application form and manuscript.
- 4.2 Contest finalists will be informed by the Secretariat approximately 1 week prior to the speech contest.

5. Prizes and result

- 5.1 Higher-ranking winners from each category will be awarded with various prizes including cash prize provided by the sponsor companies.
- 5.2 The result decided by the judge panel is final.

6. Closing Date

- 6.1 Completed Application Form and the manuscript must be submitted to the Secretariat by its stipulated closing date.
- 6.2 Secretariat

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10050 Penang, Malaysia

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Closing date: **30th April 2018**

Contest Details:

- Date** : Saturday, 12th May 2018
- Time** : 2:00 P.M. (*Registration begins 1:30 p.m.*)
- Venue** : Seminar Room, Level 1,
Building C26, Toray-USM Knowledge Transfer Centre,
Universiti Sains Malaysia, 11800 Minden, Penang.