

THE 41ST ONLINE JAPANESE LANGUAGE CONTEST

Rules and Regulations

1. General

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

- (a) Student category : Speech contest
- (b) Open category : Presentation contest

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 Holding the manuscript during speech / presentation is not allowed.

1.4 Under student category, use of props is prohibited during speech. On the other hand, open category contestants are allowed to use props as part of their presentation (Ex: Powerpoint, handouts, any other items).

1.5 Creative speech/ presentation is highly appreciated.

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

1.7 Application documents, and Rules and regulations can be downloaded at

https://www.penang.my.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00083.html

2. Theme & Length of speech / presentation

2.1 Student Category

From the following themes, the contestants are required to choose one theme by lottery.

Before the speech, the contestants have 10 minutes to prepare.

Themes ;

- (a) Family
- (b) Friends
- (c) Hobby
- (d) Sports
- (e) School / Teachers

The speech must be about 2 minutes' length.

2.2 Open Category

There is no theme of the presentation; therefore, the applicants are free to choose their title and subject. However, the applicants should avoid political, religious or controversial topics. The presentation must be within 8 minutes.

3. Contestant's Eligibility

3.1 Student Category (speech contest)

Open to the students who:-

- (a) are currently attending secondary school in the States of Penang, Perlis, Kedah, Perak, Kelantan or Terengganu as of 2nd December 2020

- (b) have not stayed in Japan for a total of 6 months as of 2nd December 2020
- (c) whose mother tongue is not Japanese; and
- (d) either parent is not a Japanese national.

3.2 Open Category

Open to individuals who:-

- (a) Have a Malaysian nationality or are currently attending educational institution in Malaysia more than 6 months.
- (b) resides or are attending educational institution in the States of Penang, Perlis, Kedah, Perak, Kelantan or Terengganu as of 2nd December 2020
- (c) are NOT currently attending secondary schools in Malaysia as of 2nd December 2020
- (d) are 18 and above as of 2nd December 2020
- (e) have not stayed in Japan for a total of 6 months as 2nd December 2020
- (f) whose mother tongue is not Japanese; and
- (g) either parent is not a Japanese national.

4. Application

4.1 Application procedure for each category is as follows.

(a) Student Category

The application form together with handwritten manuscript must be submitted to the Secretariat either 1) hand delivery, 2) postal mail or 3) email before the stipulated date.

(b) Open Category

STEP1 : Submit the handwritten application form to the Secretariat either by 1) hand delivery, 2) postal mail or 3) email before the stipulated date.

STEP2 : Upon receiving the application, the Secretariat will send an email to each application to inform the website link, to which applicants must access to upload the video recordings of their presentation. The applicants must complete uploading process within a few days after receiving the email.

4.2 The manuscript / presentation must be an ORIGINAL work of the applicant and the speech / presentation must not have previously been given in other contest or event.

5. Screening

5.1 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 / video recordings.

5.2 Contest finalists will be informed by the Secretariat approximately 10 days prior to the contest as well as the venue options in each states to connect online application.

6. Prizes and result

6.1 Higher-ranking winners from each category will be awarded with various prizes provided

by the sponsor companies.

6.2 Certificates will be presented to all the finalists.

6.3 The result decided by the judge panel is final. No objections will be accepted.

7. Closing Date

7.1 Completed Application Form together with the manuscript/ video recording must be submitted to the Secretariat by its stipulated closing date.

7.2 Secretariat

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10050 Penang, Malaysia

Email address: jis.cgjp@pe.mofa.go.jp

Closing date: **11th November 2020**

Contest Details:

1. Student Category (13 years old – 17 years old)

Date : Wednesday, 2nd December 2020

Time : 10:00 A.M. (*Registration begins 9:30 a.m.*)

2. Open Category (18 years old and above)

Date : Saturday, 12th December 2020

Time : 2:00 P.M. (*Registration begins 1:30 p.m.*)