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22st Edition for the Japanese Language Speech Contest Participation Guidelines

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Preamble

The speech contest has existed for more than 20 years. The idea behind it has always been to create an event which will motivate Japanese Language students in their learning effort and spark a healthy competition between the different schools.

Presentation of the Speech Contest

Name: 22^{ème} édition du concours d'Elocution en Langue Japonaise

Date : Saturday March 02nd

Location : Salle Bahnini, Rabat

Intended Participating Schools:

1. University Mohammed V – Rabat
2. Speak Asian – Casablanca
3. Dragon Tanger – Tangier
4. Alpha Performance – Agadir
5. Caco – Meknes
6. Haruka Nihongo – Oujda
7. Lycée Victor Hugo – Marrakech
8. Hanami club – Fes
9. Japoniya b'darija - Rabat
10. Al Akhawayn University – Ifrane
11. University Cadi Ayyad / JCC – Marrakech
12. University Hassan II – Mohammedia
13. Sakura Gakkou - Fes

Eligibility

- The Japanese language must not be the native language of the candidate.
- The candidate must not have stayed more than 3 months overall in Japan.
- The winner of the first prize in a category cannot participate in the same or a lower level category. (The past winners in the beginner level category are qualified for category II or III but not Category I)
- The candidate must be a regular member learner in the institution he/she represents.
- There is no restriction for age or profession
- Participation to category I or II is not allowed for individuals not registered in a Japanese language institution. However, if they wish to participate in category III, they need to participate in a preselection session (see under Category III/ Qualification for self-study students). For further information please contact : jculture.ma@gmail.com



Speech Contest Categories

Category I: Quiz– open only to student enrolled in a Japanese course for 2022/2023 -

A group of two (one participant is permitted) will represent their school. They will participate in a quiz-like competition where they will answer questions about grammar, vocabulary, Kanji & culture.

Students who have studied a maximum of 150 hours will be allowed to participate.

The question will be asked to the group who will answer by writing down the answer on paper or on a phone application¹. They will get points for correct answers. The group who will earn most points will win.

Category II : Presentation – open only to students enrolled in a Japanese course for 2022/2023

The candidates who have achieved a minimum of 150 hours and a maximum of 250 hours² of Japanese learning can participate in this category. They will have to make a Powerpoint presentation between 90 and 120 seconds long.

They will have to choose between three themes 「太陽エネルギー (たいようエネルギー)」 (énergie solaire), 「風力エネルギー (ふうりょくエネルギー)」 (énergie éolienne) and 「水力発電 (すいりょくはつでん)」 (Hydro-electric power).

They will not be allowed to use animations, sounds, videos or paragraphs of text that they might read. They can only use static images.

They will be judged by a Jury on correctness of the grammar and expression, originality, and pronunciation and accent (total of 30 points). Exceeding the time by 10 seconds will result in a 5 points deduction, by 20 seconds in a 10 points deduction. Exceeding the time by 30 seconds will result in the disqualification of the candidate.

Category III: Speech – open to both students enrolled in a Japanese course and self-study students -

Students will participate with their written, original speeches that will be around 180 to 240 seconds long.

They will have to choose between two themes 「再生可能エネルギーが健康に与える影響」
(Impact of renewable energy on health) and 「再生可能エネルギーが気候に与える影響」
(Impact of renewable energy on the climate).

Participants will be timed and allowed to carry their written speeches in case they forget a line.

¹ In case of the app, answering time will be taking into account in the final score

² Students with 250 hours + of Japanese study should enroll in the third category only



Exceeding the time by 10 seconds will result in a 5 points deduction, by 20 seconds in a 10 points deduction. Exceeding the time by 30 seconds will result in the disqualification of the candidate. If the overtime exceeds 60 seconds, the person will have to stop their speech.

A jury member will ask the contestant two questions at the end of their speech. The level of the questions will be based on the level of the speech. The scoring will take into account the lack of grammar errors³, the originality of the speech, the pronunciation and accent of the participant, and his/her ability to answer the questions (total of 40 points).

All the students are allowed to participate in this category.
A student will be able to participate in only one category.

Qualification for students enrolled in Japanese course

Each school will schedule a pre-contest to choose their participant(s)-.
Each school has to confirm its participant(s) by February 18th, 2024.

Qualification for self-study students :

Participants should send the completed participation form and an audio or video recording of their speech and the script by February 11th.
A committee will study the applications and inform the contestant if they have been accepted to participate by February 23th.

Remark :

The CELJ will be filmed and broadcast live via the youtube platform.
By participating the candidate authorizes his or her photo and/or filming to be taken during the competition.
Photos and videos will be uploaded to the association's social networks and provided to sponsors and other partners for event promotion purposes.
By participating in the competition, the candidate authorizes the association, its sponsors and its partners to share photos in which they may appear.

Other information:

You can send us your questions and other requests on: jculture.ma@gmail.com

³ The complexity of the grammar and the expressions used will not be taken into account.