

The 13th Annual Rikkyo University Japanese Speech Contest for International Students

Sponsored by the Tokyo Saint Paul Lions Club

Requirements

1. PURPOSE :

The Center for Japanese Language Education (CJLE) will host its 13th annual Japanese Speech Contest. This contest aims to provide opportunities for Special International Students (non-degree students including exchange students studying at Rikkyo) and regular International students to show their achievements and experiences in Japan and hopefully to motivate them to improve their proficiency in Japanese. Also, the contest will provide opportunities to enhance mutual understanding (or cultural exchange) throughout the Rikkyo community.

2. DATE :

November 30th, 2024 (Saturday) 1:30pm – 5:00 pm

3. VENUE :

The multipurpose hall, 3rd floor, Tachikawa Memorial Hall, Ikebukuro Campus

4. ORGANIZER, etc. :

- 1) Organizer: Center for Japanese Language Education, Rikkyo University
- 2) Co-organizer: Tokyo Saint Paul Lions Club
- 3) Supporter: Ladies' Club and International Office of Rikkyo University

5. ELIGIBILITY :

Applicants must be a special international student or a regular undergraduate/graduate student at Rikkyo University, who has been enrolled in a Japanese language course offered by the CJLE during AY2024.

6. CATEGORIES / PRIZES :

1) Categories

Beginner (J0 – J3) / Intermediate (J4 – J6) / Advanced (J7 • J8)

2) Prizes

- Tokyo Saint Paul Lions Club Prize (grand prize) awarded to one student
• • • • • Trophy, Certificate, as well as a QUO card valued at 15,000yen
- CJLE Prize (1st prize) awarded to one student for each category (total of 3 students)
• • • • • Certificate, as well as a QUO card valued at 10,000yen
- Ladies' Club Prize awarded to one student
• • • • • Certificate, as well as a QUO card valued at 5,000yen
- Fighting Spirit Prize awarded to one student
• • • • • Certificate, as well as a QUO card valued at 5,000yen

13. JUDGES :

Director and Deputy Director of the CJLE, Members of the CJLE, Director of the International Office, Members of the Tokyo Saint Paul Lions Club

14. JUDGING CRITERIA :

1) In the event of too many applicants, screening will be done by evaluating the summary on the application form.

2) Evaluated by overall Japanese proficiency, content and presentation. Audience Votes are added for the Audience Special Prize.

* All decisions of the judges are final.

15. AUDIENCE :

Students and staff of Rikkyo University. Also open to the public (free, advance reservation not required).

16. PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPEECH :

1) Student advisors

- Each participant will be matched with one student advisor to practice the speech with.
- If the applicant has someone in mind, fill in the student's affiliate, name etc. with their consent.
- * Student advisors must attend the speech contest on November 30th.
- * Student advisors must be a Rikkyo University undergraduate/graduate student.
- When the contestant doesn't have anyone in mind, the CJLE Office will match the contestant with a student advisor.

2) Using the Japanese Language Support Desk

Script should be checked at least once at the Japanese Language Support Desk during the period below.

October 15th (Tuesday) – October 25th (Friday)

* Contestants may use the Japanese Language Support Desk more than once during or outside of the period above.

* What is the Japanese Language Support Desk?

<https://cjle.rikkyo.ac.jp/english/supportdesk/>

17. SUBMISSIONS OF THE COPY OF SPEECH TEXT (SCRIPT) :

Submit your copy of speech text (script) for publishing, to the address below.

1) Submission period

October 25th (Friday)-November 6th (Wednesday) by 5:00pm

2) URL for submitting the script

<http://s.rikkyo.ac.jp/genko24>

18. REHEARSAL :

A rehearsal for the speech contest will be scheduled between November 25th (Monday) and November 29th (Friday). (For approx. 30 minutes)

19. AGREEMENT:

Application implies your consent on following matters:

- Only unpublished speech is accepted.
- Pictures of the contest are published on the official website, the brochure of the CJLE, etc.
- Videos of prize winners are published on the official website of the CJLE.
- All speeches will be printed/published and made available after the speech contest.
- The main purpose of this speech contest is interacting and collaborating with the students having various background, in addition to encouraging studying Japanese. Thus, speech advisor is assigned to each speaker and prepare and participate in the speech contest together.

Applicant (or Speaker) should understand the purpose of the speech contest and prepare with their advisor for it. If applicant (or speaker) is considered that they don't understand its purpose well, there is a possibility that they would not be able to participate in it.

20. ENQUIRIES :

Center for Japanese Language Education Office in the Ikebukuro Campus on the 1st floor in McKim Hall.

* Please enquire at the office or by e-mail. nihongo@rikkyo.ac.jp

PROGRAM (Tentative)

12:30pm	Reception for the contestants and student advisors in the waiting room ※
1:30pm	Opening
1:30pm-2:00pm	Greetings by organizers, Introduction of guests and judges etc.
2:00pm-4:10pm	Speeches ※※ (including 10-minute intermission)
4:10pm-4:40pm	Gathering of participants, audience and staff
4:40pm-5:00pm	Announcement of results, Comments, Commendation ceremony
5:00pm	Closing

※ The waiting room is available from 11:30am.

※※ For the speech, a microphone will be used. Timers shall provide alert signals.

Further details will be informed to the participants and the student advisor individually.

Concluded