

The 10th Annual Rikkyo University Japanese Speech Contest (Online)
for International Students

Sponsored by the Tokyo Saint Paul Lions Club

Requirements

1. PURPOSE :

The Center for Japanese Language Education (CJLE) will host its 10th 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 27th, 2021 (Saturday) 1:00pm – 3:30 pm

<Schedule>

September 20 st (Mon)-October 13 th (Wed)	Application period
October 15 th (Fri)	Decision of holding a preliminary contest or not
	Announcement of participants
October 15 th (Fri)-October 28 th (Thu)	Consultation of the script at the Japanese Language Support Desk
October 28 th (Thu)-November 5 th (Fri) by 5:00pm	Submissions of the copy of speech text (script)
November 5 th (Fri)-November 12 th (Fri)	(if there is a preliminary contest) Submissions of speech video
November 13 th (Sat)-November 20 th (Sat)	(if there is a preliminary contest) Period for video screening
November 22 nd (Mon) in the afternoon	(if there is a preliminary contest) Announcement of finalists
November 22 nd (Mon)-November 26 th (Fri)	Rehearsal
November 27 th (Sat)	Japanese Speech Contest

*Please see below (No.11-20) for details.

3. VENUE :

Online (via Zoom webinar tentative)

4. ORGANIZER, etc. :

- 1) Organizer: Center for Japanese Language Education, Rikkyo University
- 2) Co-organizer: Tokyo Saint Paul Lions Club
- 3) Supporter: Ladies' Club, International Office, 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 AY2021.

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

7. NUMBER FOR CONTESTANTS :

Approximately ten

* In the event of too many applicants, a preliminary contest (video screening) will be held. Those who have passed the preliminary contest will join the final on November 27th(Sat).

8. SPEECH THEME :

Theme is open.

* Propaganda is not allowed.

9. SPEECH DURATION :

Within 3 minutes for beginners

Within 4 minutes for intermediate and advanced

* Any speech exceeding the fixed duration will be penalized.

* After giving an introduction, contestants must immediately proceed to the podium. The duration of each speech is to be measured when the contestant starts speaking.

* A question and answer session will be taken place after each speech.

10. USING AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT/ USING A SCRIPT :

During the speech, using audio-visual equipment and script are not allowed.

* Consult the CJLE Office in advance about using national costumes or props.

11. APPLICATION :

Submit completed application form with summary as shown below.

1) Where to apply

Center for Japanese Language Education Office nihongo@rikkyo.ac.jp

Center for Japanese Language Education Office in the International Office located on:

- Ikebukuro Campus: the 1st floor in McKim Hall

- Niiza Campus: the 2nd floor in building# 7

*Please send the application form by e-mail to the CJLE office.

2) Application period

September 20th (Monday) — October 13th (Wednesday) by 5:00pm

* Jo — J3 students may fill in the "summary" in English when applying. (The speech must be made in Japanese. The script in Japanese has to be checked at the Japanese Language Support Desk beforehand. (Refer to "16.2-Using the Japanese Language Support Desk")

3) Application form:

Available for download on the website.

4) Preliminary contest

Applicants will be informed by October 15th (Friday), whether or not the CJLE has decided to hold a preliminary contest. In the case a preliminary contest is held, please submit your speech video by November 12th (Friday). Details for video submission will be notified to each applicant.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PARTICIPANTS :

Announcements will be sent to all the applicants individually by e-mail regardless of acceptance. It will be sent to the e-mail address written on your application by October 15th (Friday).

* Please be sure to reply to the message immediately, to confirm acceptance.

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 speech videos as a preliminary contest.

2) Evaluated by overall Japanese proficiency, content and presentation.

* 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 information (student ID, name, phone number, e-mail address) with his/her consent.

* Student advisors must attend the speech contest on November 27th.

* 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 (Friday) – October 28th (Thursday)

* 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 28th (Thursday)-November 5th (Friday) by 5:00pm

2) How to submit

Script should be sent to nihongo@rikkyo.ac.jp as a Word document or text format.

18. (If there is a preliminary contest) SUBMISSION OF SPEECH VIDEO

1) Submission Period : November 5th (Friday) – November 12th (Friday) by 5:00pm

2) How to submit :Speech videos should be sent to nihongo@rikkyo.ac.jp.

* Introduction of the applicant (speaker) by student advisor, and speech by the applicant should be included in the video. Please refer to the videos of the past contestants available on the CJLE website.

19. (If there is a preliminary contest) ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS

The result will be sent to the e-mail address written on your application form, in the afternoon on November 22nd (Monday).

* Please be sure to reply to the message immediately, to confirm acceptance.

20. REHEARSAL :

A rehearsal for the speech contest will be scheduled between November 22nd (Monday) and November 26th (Friday). (For approx. 30 minutes) It will be conducted via Zoom webinar (tentative).

21. 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.

22. 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
1:00pm	Opening
1:00pm-1:20pm	Greetings by organizers, etc., Introduction of guests
1:20pm-2:50pm	Speeches ※※ (including 10-minute intermission)
2:50pm-3:30pm	Gathering of participants, audience and staff, Commendation ceremony
3:30pm	Closing

※ Checking connection of internet, camera and microphone will be done before starting the contest.

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

Further details will be informed to the participants individually.

Concluded