The 15th Annual Rikkyo University Japanese Speech Contest for International Students
Sponsored by the Tokyo Saint Paul Lions Club

Application Guidelines for Participants

➢ Contest Overview

●PURPOSE
The Center for Japanese Language Education (CJLE) will host its 15th 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) as well as improving Japanese skills, as international students will work in pair with student advisors from among Rikkyo students to prepare for their speeches.
●DATE
December 5, 2026 (Saturday) 1:30pm – 5:00 pm
●VENUE
The Conference Room, 3rd floor, Tachikawa Memorial Hall, Ikebukuro Campus

➢ Application Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY	1. 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 AY2026. 2. Applicants must understand the purpose described in "PURPOSE" above, prepare and practice their speeches appropriately, and be able to work hard on their speeches.
NUMBER FOR CONTESTANTS	Approximately 15 ＊In the event of too many applicants, screening will be done by evaluating the summary on the application form.
CATEGORIES	Beginner (J0－J3)／ Intermediate （J4－J6） ／ Advanced (J7・J8)
SPEECH THEME	Theme is open. ＊Propaganda is not allowed.
SPEECH DURATION	Within 3 minutes for beginners Within 5 minutes for intermediate and advanced
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.

JUDGING CRITERIA	Evaluated by overall Japanese proficiency, content and presentation. Audience Votes are added for the Audience Special Prize.
AWARDS&PRIZES	Multiple awards will be presented. Winners will receive a certificate and a supplementary prize (QUO card).
SPEECH ADVISOR	Each participant will be assigned one each student speech advisor, a student from Rikkyo University who volunteered to support international students with their speeches. Please work together with your speech advisor to prepare for the contest. The CJLE will handle the matching process between participants and speech advisors. If you already have a student from Rikkyo who has agreed to serve as your speech advisor, please obtain their prior consent and enter their name, affiliation, and other required details in the application form below. *Student speech advisors must attend the speech contest. *Student speech advisors must be a Rikkyo University undergraduate / graduate student.

APPLICATION	Submit the application form below. http://s.rikkyo.ac.jp/speech26
APPLICATION PERIOD	From September 21 (Monday) to October 6 (Tuesday) by 5:00pm.
NOTES	＊Only unpublished speech is accepted. ＊J0－J3 students may fill in the “summary” in English when applying. (The speech must be made in Japanese.)

<Schedule after application>

October 12 (Mon.) <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 on your application. The speech advisor will contact the participant by email later, so please check your email and contact each other.
From October 16 (Fri.) to October 22 (Thu.) <Review of the Speech Script with a Speech Advisor>	Prepare your speech script based on the abstract submitted at the time of application. Then, please have your speech script reviewed by your speech advisor to get their feedback.
From October 23 (Fri.) to October 30 (Fri.)	Your script, which has been reviewed by your speech advisor, should be checked by the CJLE instructors at least once at the Japanese Language Support Desk during the period on the left.

<Using the Japanese Language Support Desk>	＊Contestants may use the Japanese Language Support Desk also outside of the period on the left. ＊What is the Japanese Language Support Desk? https://cjle.rikkyo.ac.jp/english/supportdesk/
From October 31 (Mon.) to 5:00 pm, November 12 (Thu.) <Finalization and Submission of the Speech Script >	Please work with your speech advisor to update and finalize your speech script based on the feedback from the instructors at the Japanese Language Support Desk, and submit it via the form below within the period indicated on the left. http://s.rikkyo.ac.jp/genko26
～	Practice your speech with your speech advisor for the contest.
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<AGREEMENT>

Application implies your consent on following matters:

・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. If you do not wish to have your photos or videos published, please let us know in the application form.

・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.

<Contact Information>

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

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