

# The 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 2. DATE :

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Saturday) 1:30pm – 5:00 pm

### 3. VENUE :

The multipurpose hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 AY2025.
- Applicants must understand the purpose described in "1. PURPOSE" above, prepare and practice their speeches appropriately, and be able to work hard on their speeches.

### 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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
- Audience Special Prize awarded to one student
- . . . . . • Certificate, as well as a QUO card valued at 5,000yen
- Participation Prizes awarded to all participants
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7. NUMBER FOR CONTESTANTS :

Approximately 15

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

8. SPEECH THEME :

Theme is open.

\* Propaganda is not allowed.

9. SPEECH DURATION :

### Within 3 minutes for beginners

Within 5 minutes for intermediate and advanced

\* The duration of each speech is to be measured when the contestant starts speaking. Any speech exceeding the fixed duration will be penalized.

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 the application form below within the following period.

### 1) Application period

**From September 20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) to October 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday) by 5:00pm.**

## 2) URL of Application Form

<http://s.rikkyo.ac.jp/speech25>

\* 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”))

\* 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. When the contestant doesn't have anyone in mind, the CJLE Office will match the contestant with a

student advisor.

\*Student advisors must attend the speech contest on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

\*Student advisors must be a Rikkyo University undergraduate/graduate student.

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 on your application by October 14<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday).

13. JUDGES :

Director and Deputy Director of the CJLE, Members of the CJLE, Director of Center for the University-wide Curriculum, Deputy Director of International Office, Members of the Tokyo Saint Paul Lions Club

14. JUDGING CRITERIA :

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) Preparing the Speech Script (Using the Japanese Language Support Desk)

Prepare the speech script based on the abstract submitted at the time of application, and then, the script should be checked at least once at the Japanese Language Support Desk during the period below.

Period for Japanese Language Support Desk: October 14<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) – October 31<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

\* Contestants may use the Japanese Language Support Desk also outside of the period above.

\* What is the Japanese Language Support Desk?

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

2) Writing the Speech Script & Practice the Speech (Preparation with Student Advisor)

Prepare for the speech with a student advisor. Student advisor will contact the participant by e-mail, so please check the email and keep in touch with him/her.

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 31<sup>th</sup> (Friday)-November 12<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) by 5:00pm

2) URL for submitting the script

<http://s.rikkyo.ac.jp/genko25>

18. REHEARSAL :

A rehearsal for the speech contest will be scheduled between December 1<sup>st</sup> (Monday) and December 5<sup>th</sup> (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. 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.

20. ENQUIRIES :

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

\* Please enquire at the office or by e-mail. [nihongo@rikkyo.ac.jp](mailto: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

Details will be informed to the participants and the student advisor individually.

Concluded