

JAPANESE SKIT CONTEST 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

1. About the Contest

i) What is the Japanese Skit Contest?

This contest is created to promote post-secondary school Japanese language learners to practice their Japanese language communication skill. The participants are required to form a group and act a skit (short drama) based on the given theme. The skit is to be recorded in video form then submitted as the contest entry.

ii) What is this year's theme?

This year's theme is オノマトペ (onomatopoeia). All video skits must portray this theme clearly.

iii) What is the difference between the closing date for submission and Final Screening?

The closing date for submission (18 December 2022) is the last day for participants to submit their entries via our submission form. The Final Screening (14 January 2023) is when the finalists (5 skits that are selected to go to the final round) will have their entries screened for the first time in front of the Judges and public for final scoring to determine the winners. This will all be done online.

2. Participation

i) Who can join the Japanese Skit Contest 2022?

The contest is open to all Malaysian Japanese language learners who are over the age of 17 and no longer a student at any secondary schools (or equivalent). All participants must be currently undergoing a Japanese language lesson/course/class at any learning institutions such as university, language centres, Japanese language society and so on.

ii) Are non-university students (working adults/non-working adults/retirees/etc) participate?

Yes. We have no maximum age limit. If you fit the description in 2 (i), you are welcome to participate in this contest.

iii) Can people who is learning from private tutors/self-study participate?

No. Participants must be affiliated with an established institution.

iv) Can people from different institutions form a team?

Yes. A team can be formed even if the members are not affiliated with the same institution. However, the team members need to fill in separate entry forms and get validations from the respective institutions they are affiliated with.

v) It is difficult to work in a team, can I enter the contest individually?

No. The Japanese Skit Contest is a team competition. You must have at least 2 members (including yourself) and no more than 10 members (including yourself) on the team.

3. Video Skit Requirements

- i) Can we record the scenes then do a voice over when editing the video?**
No. You have to feature yourself using your Japanese conversational skill. Slight voice-over (for example to express timeskip) is permissible, but must not be the majority of the entire length of your skit video.
- ii) I have recorded something similar in the past. Can I use that video or some parts of the scenes?**
No. All skit productions must be created for the intention of participating in the Japanese Skit Contest 2022.
- iii) I saw some videos online that would make a good addition to my team's skit. Can I use it?**
No. The entire skit must be acted, produced and edited by your team. This is also to ensure that you are not infringing on any copyrighted materials. Even if the materials are confirmed to be non-copyrighted, you may not use it for your skit video.
- iv) Can I include background music in my team's skit?**
You may add background music in your skit video. However, please ensure that it would not infringe on the copyright. Please refer to number 5.3 in our [Contest Guidelines](#) for more information.
- v) My team's skit is 10 minutes long. I want to add credits at the end, but it will make the video exceed 2 minutes. Is this okay?**
All entries must not be more than 10 minutes long. Any entries that do not comply by this may be disqualified.

4. Submission

- i) Do I have to upload my skit video on Youtube/ I don't have a Gmail account, can I submit my entry using another method?**
No. All entries must be uploaded to Google drive and the skit videos must be set to "everyone with the link can view/download". The link to the video must be included in the submission form and submitted by 11.59PM on 18th December 2022.
- ii) Do I need to submit the video hardcopy/ Can I submit my entry by post?**
No. The Japanese Skit Contest registration and submission are all done online.