

THE 18TH JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST FOR
SECONDARY SCHOOLS – NATIONAL LEVEL (2021)
第 18 回マレーシア高校生日本語弁論大会

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The speech **theme** is 'CHANGE'. Students must create their own appropriate title. The **title must not be the same as the theme**. The speech must be **within 5 minutes length**.
- 1.2 The contest is divided into 2 categories, namely:
 - (a) Public School Learners
Those who learn Japanese Language at Public School; and
 - (b) Private Learners
Those who learn Japanese Language at other than Public School.
- 1.3 Each application must be endorsed by:
 - (a) the school's principal; **AND**
 - (b) the student's legal guardian.
- 1.4 There are **no restrictions** on number of applications from each school.
- 1.5 Students under both categories must submit ONLINE their:
 - (a) A typewritten or handwritten speech manuscript using the Japanese style manuscript paper (20 x 20 characters, available at our website for download);
 - (b) The completed Eligibility Check Sheet (Declaration by Contestant), with consent from their legal guardian and endorsement by school's principal;
 - (c) A recent passport-size photo; **AND**
 - (d) Completed Entry Form including YouTube URL link of speech video (unlisted) uploaded on YouTube;by **30 April 2021 (Friday)** through the **online Entry Form** at <http://bit.ly/3a1Qvf3>.
- 1.6 The speech manuscript submitted must be an original work of the student and it must not have previously been presented in another contest or event.
- 1.7 Teachers may provide language support to the contestant. However, the content must remain the original work of the contestant.
- 1.8 The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur (JFKL) reserves the right to publish or display any student's manuscripts, names, and pictures for publicity purposes.
- 1.9 Contest latest updates and details including *Rules & Regulations (this document)*, *Eligibility Check Sheet & Endorsement Sheet*, *A Guide on How to Upload Video on YouTube*, *A Guide on How to Unlisted Your YouTube Video* and the Japanese style manuscript paper may be downloaded from JFKL official website at the following link: <http://www.jfkl.org.my/events/jsc2021>

2. CONTESTANT'S ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Open to Malaysian students who are:
- (a) Currently attending secondary school in Malaysia;
 - (b) Between the age of 15 and 18 as of 19 June 2021;
 - (c) Not this contest's previous 1st prize winner;
 - (d) Have not stayed in Japan for an accumulated period of 6 months until 1 August 2021;
 - (e) A non-native Japanese speaker (mother tongue is not Japanese); and
 - (f) Either parent is not a Japanese national.

3. FINAL CONTEST DAY

Due to COVID-19, the **final contest day on 19 June 2021 (Saturday)** may be conducted face to face by strictly following current SOP stated by Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) with limited number of audience (physical event) **or** through an online platform, depending on current situation. As JFKL announces the finalist on **1 June 2021 (Tuesday)**, the platform for the final contest day will be confirmed as well.

- 3.1 If the final contest is to be held physically:
- (a) Contest finalists (and one accompanying teacher **OR** legal guardian as chaperon) will be given travelling allowances and one night hotel accommodation (twin sharing), **IF** they are from outside of the following locations:
 - Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur
 - Selangor (except Sabak Bernam)
 - Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya
 - Seremban and Labu (Negeri Sembilan)
 - Bentong and Raub (Pahang)
 - (b) The accompanying teacher or legal guardian is required to accompany the contest finalist throughout the contest (inclusive of the rehearsal) as well as the journey to and from Kuala Lumpur.
- 3.2 If the final contest is to be held via an online platform, JFKL will provide necessary information for contestants to prepare.

4. PRIZES & RESULT

- 4.1 The 1st Prize Winner will represent Malaysia in the 26th Japanese Speech Award which is organised by a Japanese Non-Profit Organisation, the Education Guardianship Group (E.G.G.). However, the details of the event would only be announced later with a high possibility of having this event via online platform for this year. The organiser will inform the winner on the details later.
- 4.2 If the 1st Prize Winner is not able to participate in the scheduled E.G.G. programme, the prize allocated will automatically goes to the 2nd Prize Winner and so forth.
- 4.3 The result decided by the judges is final.

5. CLOSING DATE

- 5.1 The **closing date** for both categories, via online submission is on **30 April 2021 (Friday)**.
- 5.2 For further enquiries please refer to the following secretariat:

(a) ***Secretariat for Public School Learners***

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Federal Government Administrative Centre
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(b) ***Secretariat for Private Learners***

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Japanese Language Department
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