

THE 20TH JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST
FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS (MALAYSIA) 2023
第 20 回マレーシア高校生日本語弁論大会

CONTEST GUIDELINES

(As of 16 June 2023)

CONTEST	:	THE 20 TH JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS (MALAYSIA) 2023 第 20 回マレーシア高校生日本語弁論大会
ORGANISERS	:	THE JAPAN FOUNDATION, KUALA LUMPUR EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN MALAYSIA
CLOSING DATE	:	25 JUNE 2023 (SUNDAY)
FINAL CONTEST	:	29 JULY 2023 (SATURDAY)
PLATFORM	:	ONLINE
THEME	:	□ <i>Speech can be about anything related to this kanji character, or anything that resemble the shape, or anything beyond that, open to interpretation and creativity of the contestant.</i>

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 There is **no restriction** on the number of submissions from each school/institution.

1.2 The contest is open to **Malaysian students** with the following criteria:

- A. Currently attending secondary school in Malaysia;
- B. Between the age of 15 and 18 as of 29 July 2023;
- C. Currently learning Japanese language in their secondary school or any institutions such as a language centre/school, a society or organisation, that offers Japanese language course;
- D. Not this contest's previous first prize winner;
- E. Have not stayed in Japan for an accumulated period of 6 months or more until 29 July 2023;
- F. A non-native Japanese speaker (mother tongue is not Japanese); and
- G. Either parent is not a Japanese national or a native speaker.

2. SUBMISSION

Students **must submit** all the following via the **official Entry Form** to participate in this contest:

- Completed Eligibility Check Sheet with consent from legal guardian and endorsement by school's principal or its equivalent;
- Speech manuscript;
- URL (link) of speech video uploaded on Google drive; and
- A recent passport size photo.

2.1 Eligibility Check Sheet

Both pages of this sheet must be completed and submit via the Entry Form:

- A. The secondary school's principal/administrator:
To confirm that the student is currently attending secondary school in Malaysia and learning Japanese language; AND
- B. The student's legal guardian:
To give permission to participate in this contest.

2.2 Speech Manuscript

- A. The speech manuscript submitted must be an original student work and not have been presented or published in another contest or event.
- B. Teachers may provide language support to the student. However, the content must remain the original work of the student.
- C. Speech must be typewritten or handwritten by the student on the Japanese-style manuscript paper (downloadable from contest webpage).
- D. The name of the student and title of the speech must be written on the manuscript paper.
- E. Students must create their own appropriate title. The title may or may not include the kanji □.
- F. Only one (1) file is allowed for submission via the Entry Form. A manuscript with two pages or more must be combined into one file of PDF, Microsoft Word or image format to be able to upload into the Entry Form.

2.3 Speech Video

- A. Speech must be within 5 minutes, including self-introduction.
- B. Self-introduction is not compulsory but if any, it should be kept briefly with only the name of student, school and title of the speech.
- C. Video editing such as voice-over, cutting segments (trimming), visual or special effects or such are strictly prohibited.
- D. Video must be in one shot (combining or stitching of several shots is not allowed).
- E. Video must have good clarity of visual and audio such as proper volume, clear voice, no noise or echo.
- F. Students must be wearing appropriate attire and the video must show the upper half of the body.
- G. Usage of any props during the speech is prohibited.

2.4 Passport Size Photo

- A. A recent (not more than 3 months) passport size photo must be submitted.
- B. The background of the photograph must be white or blue.

2.5 Entry Form

- A. Entry Form must be completed according to its instructions and submitted **latest by 25 June 2023 (Sunday)**:
<https://bit.ly/JSC2023form>
- B. A copy of this form will be sent automatically to the e-mail registered and serve as the acknowledgment of each submission.

2.6 Copyright

- A. Submitted speech manuscript and video will be the property of the Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur (JFKL) under this contest.
- B. JFKL reserves the right to publish or display any student's manuscripts, names, pictures and videos for publicity and report purposes.

3. SELECTION, ONLINE REHEARSAL & FINAL CONTEST

Selection process will be conducted by the organisers with the cooperation from the Ministry of Education Malaysia. Announcement of the finalists will be made **tentatively on 15 July 2023 (Saturday)** and its official notification will be sent via e-mail to the registered addresses.

3.1 Rehearsal

- A. Date: 26 July 2023 (Wednesday)
- B. All finalists are required to participate in the rehearsal.
- C. Failure to join this session without prior consultation may disqualify the finalist from this contest.

3.2 Final Contest

- A. Date: 29 July 2023 (Saturday)
- B. All finalists must participate in the final contest via an online platform from their school/institution.

3.3 Further Details

- A. Further details of the rehearsal session and final contest will be shared via e-mail to all finalists and their teachers.
- B. The details of the contest and its execution are subject to changes depending on current policy, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) or instructions by the local authorities including the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE/KPM) and the Japan Foundation (JF).

4. OFFICIAL RESULT, PRIZES & CERTIFICATES

4.1 Result

The result decided by the judges is final. Official result will also be published on the contest webpage and reported to the Ministry of Education Malaysia as well as all sponsors.

4.2 Prizes

Prizes will be sent to all winners within two (2) months after the final contest. Prizes cannot be changed or compensated for any damages unless deemed otherwise by the organisers and sponsors.

4.3 Certificate

All eligible submissions will be receiving a digital Certificate of Participation and winners of the contest will be receiving an additional Certificate of Achievement within one (1) month after the final contest.



5. INQUIRIES

For further inquiries, please refer to the main organiser:

Address : The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur (JFKL)
Japanese Language Department
18th Floor, Northpoint, Block B, Mid-Valley City, No. 1, Medan Syed Putra
59200 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-2284 7228
E-mail : kl_nihongo@jpf.go.jp

Any inquiries relating to the Ministry of Education Malaysia such as the official letter by the ministry to schools/JPN officers and so forth, please contact the following secretariat:

Address : Sports, Co-curricular & Arts Division
Bahagian Sukan, Kokurikulum dan Kesenian (BSKK)
Ministry of Education Malaysia
Level 1, 6 & 7, Block E13, Complex E, Federal Government Administrative Centre
62604 Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya
Tel : 03-8872 1617 (Pn. Illy Nadia binti Barudin)
E-mail : illynadia@moe.gov.my

JSC 2023 Official Webpage	JSC 2023 Entry Form
	
https://bit.ly/JSC2023	https://bit.ly/JSC2023form

QUICK REFERENCE

Read Contest Guidelines
& Check Eligibility

This Contest Guidelines served as the main reference for this contest.

Download
Related Documents

Downloadable from the contest official webpage:

<https://bit.ly/JSC2023>

- (1) Eligibility Check Sheet
- (2) Japanese-style Manuscript Paper

Write & Record Speech

- (1) Must be written using the manuscript paper
- (2) Must be within 5 minutes and uploaded on Google drive

Submit via Entry Form
by 25 June 2023

Submission through Entry Form:

<https://bit.ly/JSC2023form>

- (1) Eligibility Check Sheet
- (2) Speech Manuscript
- (3) Speech Video
- (4) Recent Passport Size Photo

Compete in Final Contest
on 29 July 2023

List of finalists will be announced tentatively two weeks before the final contest