

JAPANESE STUDIES ESSAY CONTEST & MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

CONTEST GUIDELINES

(As of 30 June 2024)

CONTEST	:	JAPANESE STUDIES ESSAY CONTEST AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME
ORGANISERS	:	THE JAPAN FOUNDATION, KUALA LUMPUR (JFKL) MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE STUDIES (MAJAS) DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITI MALAYA
CLOSING DATE	:	ABSTRACT: 24 JULY 2024 (WEDNESDAY) FINAL ESSAY: 18 OCTOBER 2024 (FRIDAY)
EVENT TYPE	:	LIVE/PHYSICAL CONTEST
THEME	:	JAPANESE STUDIES

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Eligibility and Duties of the Student

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

- A. Currently enrolled in a Bachelor's degree or other Undergraduate degree programme in university or other registered tertiary education institution based in Malaysia;
- B. Full-time or part-time students;
- C. Between the ages of 18 and 30 as of 30 June 2024;
- D. Not in any current legal dispute or criminal record;
- E. Is not an immediate family member of any JFKL staff or MAJAS members;
- F. Able to commit himself/herself from July to November 2024 to regularly communicate with their mentors as well as attend briefing sessions, presentation, and other matters when the need arises.

2. SUBMISSION

2.1 Submission Requirements

Students **must submit** the following via the "**Submit Here**" button on our [website](#) to participate in this contest:

- A. Completed [Application Form- Essay Contest & Mentorship Programme 2024](#) with all segments filled up with signature. Upon submission, a copy will be sent automatically to the e-mail registered and serve as the acknowledgment of each submission.

2.2 Abstract

- A. The submitted Abstract must be an **original student work** and not have been written in previous or current assignment or another contest or event.

- B. Only one student (1) is allowed per submission. Group work is not allowed.
- C. It is strictly forbidden to use Ai website or app such as ChatGPT and others to aid in your writing both for content and grammar.
- D. The format should be typewritten with Times New Roman, 12 pt. 1.15 Spacing and Justified paragraph alignment.
- E. Students must use APA 7th Edition Citation Style Guide for in-text citation and referencing.
- F. The word count range must be between 300- 400 words.
- G. Students must choose to answer one (1) question from any of the ten (10) topics decided by the organizers which can be found on the official website.
- H. Offensive or vulgar words are strictly forbidden and will be reported to the student's university for disciplinary action.

2.3 Copyright

- A. Submitted Abstract and completed essays 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 Abstract, finished essays, names, pictures and videos for publicity and report purposes.

3. SELECTION, REHEARSAL & FINAL CONTEST

Selection process will be jointly conducted by contest' organisers . Announcement of the finalists will be made **tentatively on 08 August 2024 (Thursday)** and its official notification will be sent via e-mail to the registered addresses.

The briefing and meet-up between the mentors organizers and finalists (hereafter named "Mentee") will be conducted physically at The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur. However, the arrangement of this contest is subject to changes by the organisers. The organisers will notify the finalist within a timely manner.

3.1 Announcement of Winners

- A. Tentative Date: 5 November 2024 (Thursday)
- B. Mode: Online (Zoom).
- C. A Zoom link will be given to all candidates

3.2 Further Details

- A. Further details of the briefing session, announcement of winners and conference will be shared via e-mail to all finalists and their teachers.

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 each organizer's social media channels.

4.2 Prizes

Prizes allocated for the winners are as follows:

- A. 1st place: RM 800.00, invitation for a presentation slot at the Japanese Studies Conference in Universiti Malaya and a certificate of achievement.
- B. 2nd place: RM 500.00 and a certificate of achievement.
- C. 3rd place: RM 300.00 and a certificate of achievement.

B. Prizes cannot be changed or compensated for any damages unless deemed otherwise by the organizers and sponsors.

C. The award-giving ceremony will take place during the Japanese Studies Conference, Universiti Malaya at a later date in November 2024.

4.3 Certificate of Participation

All eligible submissions will be receiving a digital Certificate of Participation within three (3) months after the final contest and winners of the contest will be receiving an additional Certificate of Achievement.



5. INQUIRIES

For further inquiries, please refer to the main organiser:

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Official Webpage	Submission Form
	
https://www.ifkl.org.my/events/dialogue-japanese-studies-essay-contest/	Google Form

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