

THE 22ND JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST
FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MALAYSIA (2025)
第 22 回マレーシア高校生日本語弁論大会

CONTEST GUIDELINES

(As of 13 February 2025)

CONTEST	: THE 22 ND JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MALAYSIA (2025) 第 22 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	: 16 MARCH 2025 (SUNDAY)
FINAL CONTEST	: 19 APRIL 2025 (SATURDAY)
EVENT TYPE	: PHYSICAL CONTEST
THEME	: 山 Your speech can explore the meaning, shape, or symbolism of this kanji character; open to your interpretation and creativity!

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 1 July 2025;
- 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 study or language training and have not stayed in Japan for more than 6 months (accumulated) in the last 5 years as of 1 July 2025;
- 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, endorsed, and submitted via the Entry Form:

- A. The secondary school's principal/administrator/course coordinator:
To confirm that the student is currently attending secondary school in Malaysia and learning Japanese language at the school/institution/centre; 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.
- 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 3 – 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 16 March 2025 (Sunday)**: <https://bit.ly/JSC2025form>
- 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. The JFKL reserves the right to publish or display any student's manuscripts, names, pictures, and videos for publicity and report purposes.

3. SELECTION, 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 8 April 2025 (Tuesday)** and its official notification will be sent via e-mail to the registered addresses.

The contest and its rehearsal will be conducted physically at a later determined venue in Klang Valley. 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 Rehearsal

- A. Date: 19 April 2025, Saturday (Tentative – to be confirmed)
- 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: 19 April 2025 (Saturday)

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 change 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 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 within one (1) month after the final contest and winners of the contest will be receiving an additional Certificate of Achievement.

5. GRAND PRIZE FOR TOP WINNER: EXCHANGE PROGRAMME IN JAPAN

5.1 Programme Details

Name	:	Japanese-Language Program for Counterpart Japanese Learners (High School Students) 2025
Date	:	1 – 16 July 2025 (16 days)
Venue	:	The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai, Japan
Contents of the Program (Tentative)	:	a) Lectures on the Japanese language, culture and society; b) Visiting cultural and historical sites; c) Exchange Program with Japanese High School Students; d) Homestay
Participants	:	Students from Malaysia, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos

5.2 Expenses in Japan

- A. The following will be borne by the organisers:
- Air ticket (including Airport Tax and Foreign Travel Tax)
 - Accommodations
 - Meals
 - Overseas Travel Accident Insurance (T&C apply)
 - Other necessary expenses concerning the Curriculum
- B. The following will be borne by the participants:
- The application or renewal cost of passports
 - The cost of transfer from residence to the local airport

5.3 Timeline

The top winner who will be taking part in the exchange programme must complete necessary procedures by the deadlines set:

- 22 April (Tue)** : **Confirmation of Participation**
- 24 April (Thu)** : **Submission of the Application Form**
- 6 May (Tue)** : **Submission of Participation Acceptance Form and passport copy**
- 14 May (Wed)** : **Submission of other documents as participants**
- May** : **Procedures pertaining to getting permission from MOE/SED**



6. 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 1619
- Name : Dr. Azurawati binti Wok Zaki

JSC 2025 Official Webpage	JSC 2025 Entry Form
	
https://bit.ly/jfklJSC	https://bit.ly/JSC2025form

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:

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



Write & Record Speech

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



Submit via Entry Form
by 16 March 2025

Submission through Entry Form:

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



Compete in Final Contest
on 19 April 2025

List of finalists will be announced tentatively on 8 April 2025.