

Application Guidelines for the 6th Japanese Speech Contest in Trinidad & Tobago

SCHEDULE

- Contest: Friday, November 17th, 2023 at 6:00PM
- Application Period: Monday, September 18th ~ Saturday, September 30th, 2023
- Support session (optional): There will be a remote session on how to draft a speech following the end of the registration period. Students may also request a support session, via email, to revise their draft speeches. These support sessions can be scheduled between October 1st and 31st, 2023.

VENUE

- The Centre for language learning, the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus

TARGET PARTICIPANT

- Japanese language learners in Trinidad and Tobago (self-taught or having learnt at an institution)

OBJECTIVES

- To create an opportunity for Japanese language learners to express their thoughts using the language acquired.
- To provide an interactive opportunity for learners to share their language acquisition experience, especially for those who study independently.
- To provide learners with an opportunity to show their achievement to their family members and friends.
- To improve the participants' Japanese language proficiency by guiding them through the process of drafting and delivering a speech.
- To promote and increase public recognition of Japanese language education in Trinidad and Tobago.

CATEGORIES AND THEME

- Elementary Category (JF standard A2, JLPT N5/4, CEFR A1/2)
Choose one topic from Tourism, Energy or Environment in Trinidad and Tobago or the Caribbean region and make a speech. Following are examples and can be used if you wish.
 - My travel tips when visiting Trinidad and Tobago and/or the Caribbean region
 - A proposal for a themed tour (theme examples : food, history, sports, wild-life etc.)

• What I do/can do to protect the environment of Trinidad and Tobago and/or the Caribbean region

- Intermediate Category (JF standard B1 and above, JLPT N4/3 and above)
Choose one from the following list:

- Local or regional environmental problems and possible solutions or ways to improve them
- A green initiative that I would like to propose
- Energy problems that exist locally or regionally and solutions for them
- My tourism-related business proposal in Trinidad and Tobago and/or the Caribbean region

DELIVERY METHOD

- All participants will introduce themselves before delivering their speech. For participants in the Intermediate category, there will also be a brief question and answer segment (in Japanese) after their delivery.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Linguistic competence: Pronunciation (accuracy, clarity and fluency); Grammar; Vocabulary and Expressions.
- Content: Content (originality, interest, appeal, logic and persuasiveness) and Organisation.
- Performance: Presence and delivery, with or without written documents.
- Use of visual aids: Participants in both the Elementary and Intermediate Categories can use a maximum total of 5 pictures or illustrations.
- Use of writing aid: By making a speech without writing aid the participant will receive extra points.

DETAILS

- Time limit: 3-5 mins
- Rules and Regulations:
 - ❖ Must not be a native speaker of Japanese.
 - ❖ Must be 18 years and over.
 - ❖ Neither parent of the participant is a native speaker of Japanese.
 - ❖ Has not stayed in Japan for more than six months.
 - ❖ Persons who are current or former teachers of the Japanese language are not eligible to participate in this competition.
- Prizes (in TT\$) for both Elementary and Intermediate Level
Choose one item from the following list:
 - Tablet
 - Japanese Restaurant voucher (TT\$800.00)
 - Free CLL course with textbooks
 - Japanese books/textbooks/workbooks of the prize winner's choice (TT\$800.00)
 - Japanese tea ceremony set

- Free Kendo beginner's course
- For participating: Certificate of Participation, Participation tokens