

# Guidelines

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Japanese Speech Contest in Trinidad & Tobago

### SCHEDULE

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- Contest: Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 at 6:00PM
- Announcement: Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024
- Application Period ends on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

### VENUE

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- The Centre for Language Learning, UWI St Augustine Campus

### TARGET PARTICIPANT

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

### OBJECTIVES

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- To create an opportunity for Japanese language learners to express their thoughts using the language acquired.
- 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 provide an interactive opportunity for learners to share their language acquisition experience, especially for those who study independently.
- To promote and increase public recognition of Japanese language education in Trinidad and Tobago.
- To further publicize the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Trinidad and Tobago and Japan.
- To select the Trinidad and Tobago representative for the Japanese Language Speech Contest of Central America and the Caribbean scheduled on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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- 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.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

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- Those who are interested in participating should apply using this [Application form](#).
- If the number of applicants for a category exceeds 7, a preliminary selection will be conducted.
- In the event that a preliminary selection is conducted, all applicants for the category will be requested to submit their scripts by Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and the final participants will be selected based on the contents of the submitted scripts.
- 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 July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **CATEGORIES AND THEMES**

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- **Category I**
  - Level: JF standard A1/2, Study hours 100-200 hours
  - Length of Speech: 2-3 minutes
  - Theme: Choose one from the topics below
    - a) Open topic that is related to Japan in some way
    - b) What Japan means to me
- **Category II**
  - Level: JF standard A2 and above, Study hours 200 hours and above
  - Length of Speech: 3-4 minutes
  - Theme: Choose from the topics below
    - a) Open topic that is related to Japan in some way
    - b) Identify an issue and possible solutions that two countries can work on together
    - c) What two countries can do together to improve their relationship
    - d) Cultural Bridge - what sort of cultural exchanges can be done to deepen the relationship of two countries

## **DELIVERY METHOD**

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

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

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- Linguistic competence: Pronunciation is natural, accurate and clear and does not affect comprehension. Grammar, vocabulary and expressions are accurate and appropriate.
- Content: Content is original, interesting, appealing, logical, and persuasive. It is organized.
- Performance: Presence and delivery.
- Q&A session (Only for Category II): Understands the question and answers appropriately.
- Visual aids: Category I participants are allowed to use up to two visual aids. Visual aids are prohibited for Category II.
- Use of written aids: Prohibited for both categories.

## **PRIZES**

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- Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of Category I and Category II.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of Category II will represent Trinidad and Tobago in the RCCJ (Central America and the Caribbean Japanese Language Education Network) Speech Contest to be held in Trinidad and Tobago in November 2024.
- Certificates of Participation and Participation tokens will be awarded to all participants.