

Let's Talk About the World: in Kagoshima!
The 28th Annual Japanese Speech Contest
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

*Open to all foreign nationals living in Kagoshima Prefecture.
Come and express yourself in Japanese!*

- **PURPOSE** To provide an opportunity for foreign nationals living in Kagoshima to express their opinions in Japanese, while aiming to help create a more culturally diverse and cosmopolitan Kagoshima through exploring the differences of cultures and national identity.

- **DATE** [Preliminary Round] 14th January 2023 10:00AM
[Contest] 28th January 2023 1:30PM

- **LOCATION** [Preliminary Round] Kagoshima Citizens' Exchange Center, 1F
Center Hall
[Contest] Kagoshima Citizens' Exchange Center, 1F
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- **REQUIREMENTS** You must be a foreign national residing in Kagoshima Prefecture, and not have previously received the Grand Prize in this contest.

- **MAX APPLICANTS** 40 people (only individual applications are accepted).

- **THEME** Anything except for RELIGION or POLITICS.

- **TIME LENGTH** 4 – 6 minutes.

- **RESTRICTION** The use of props or sound effects is not permitted.

- **EVALUATION** Judges will evaluate both the Preliminary Round and the Contest.

Pre-screening: If we receive more than 40 applications, pre-screening of applicants will be performed. In this case, you will be required to submit a transcript of your speech by 1st December. We will inform you whether or not pre-screening will take place.

Preliminary Round: 10 participants will be selected to move forward to the contest.

Contest: Prizes will be awarded to selected participants.

- **AWARDS** Grand Prize (¥50,000 and an extra prize); Excellence Award (¥20,000), Honorable Mention Award (¥10,000), Judges' Special Award.

- DEADLINE 22nd November 2022
- APPLICATIONS Complete all required components of the application form and send it via fax, email or post, or deliver it in person.

*A confirmation email will be sent to let you know that we have received your application. If you have not received a confirmation email by 22nd November, please contact the Kagoshima International Association (KIA) office. (We may be unable to receive emails from @qq.com addresses.)

- COVID-19 Infection prevention and control measures
 - Those entering the auditorium will have their temperatures checked and must sanitize their hands with disinfectant before entering.
 - Everyone must wear a mask at all times.
 - Social distancing will be enforced.
 - Measures will be taken to ensure the auditorium is well ventilated.
 - Each time a speech finishes, the microphone and the surrounding area will be disinfected.

*For the safety of everyone involved, the Speech Contest (including both the Preliminary Round and the Contest) may, at any point, be canceled due to changes in the Covid-19 situation.

- RECORDING GUIDELINES

KIA will record the speech contest and may release the contents after editing. We ask guests to refrain from the use of photography and audio recording during the speech contest. Furthermore, any unauthorized uploading of materials (including reports, handouts, and other web-based content created by KIA) to be used on external sites is strictly prohibited.

INQUIRIES

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