

～Let's Talk About the World in Kagoshima～

32nd Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents – Application Guidelines

1. About the Contest

This contest provides foreign residents of Kagoshima Prefecture with an opportunity to present their thoughts and experiences in Japanese.

Through the contest, participants can improve their Japanese speaking skills while learning about and interacting with one another beyond differences in nationality and culture.

2. Date and Venue

Preliminary Round: Saturday 9th January 2027, 10:00–16:00

Contest: Saturday 30th January 2027, 13:30-onwards

Venue: Kenmin Hall, 1st Floor, Kakuix Exchange Center

3. Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following conditions ①-③:

- ① Be living in Kagoshima Prefecture.
- ② Have a first language* other than Japanese.
- ③ Have not won the Grand Prize in this Speech Contest in the past.

*'First language' means the language an individual first came into contact with or acquired.

(From this year, there is a maximum of around 5 applicants allowed from the same organisation/school)

4. Number of Participants

30 participants. If more than 30 people apply, applications will be screened based on documents submitted.

5. Theme

Free choice; however, speeches must not be political, religious, promotional, or proselytising in nature.

6. Awards and Prize Money

Grand Prize: ¥50,000 and an additional prize

Excellence Award: ¥20,000

Honourable Mention Award: ¥10,000

Judges' Special Award

7. Speech Length

At least 4 minutes and no more than 6 minutes (approximately 1,000 Japanese characters)

Props or devices that produce sounds may not be used.

8. Application Process

① Registration

Please enter the required information in the Google Form. **Deadline: Friday 27th November 2026**

② Submission of Speech Manuscript

Please submit your speech manuscript via Google Form or email. **Deadline: Tuesday 15th December 2026**

(The Google Form for submitting the manuscript will be provided to those who have completed the participation registration.)

For those who wish to submit their manuscript by email, please send it to kia14@kiaweb.or.jp

③ Preliminary Screening

If more than 30 people apply, approximately 30 applications will be considered in preliminary screening based on submitted speech manuscripts and related materials. The results of the preliminary screening will be sent to the applicants by email.

④ Preliminary Round: Saturday 9th January 2027, 10:00-onwards

Ten participants will be selected from the preliminary round to advance to the contest.

⑤ Contest: Saturday 30th January 2027, 13:30-onwards

Awards to be conferred in the contest.

9. Media Coverage

- The contest may be covered by media such as newspapers, television, and websites.
- In such cases, participants' names, nationalities, and other information may be featured.
- Members of the media may directly interview participants.

10. Photography, Video, and Audio Recording

- During the final round, the organiser will take photographs, and record video and audio of the presentations.
- The organiser may edit the photographs, videos, and audio recordings and publish them on websites and other platforms.
- Those other than the organiser must not take photographs or make audio recordings during presentations.
- Third parties must not use the content of the contest to create reports or other materials for distribution or publication on websites and other platforms.

Google Form for applications ↓ ↓ ↓



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