

**Let's Talk About the World: in Kagoshima!**  
**The 29<sup>th</sup> 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] 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 10:00~  
[Contest] 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 13:00~
  
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> November, please contact the Kagoshima International Association (KIA) office. (We may be unable to receive emails from @qq.com addresses.)

- 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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