

Let's Talk About the World: in Kagoshima!
The 27th 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]	15 th January 2022	10:00AM
[Contest]	29 th January 2022	1:30PM
- **LOCATION**

[Preliminary Round]	Kagoshima Citizens' Exchange Center, 1F Center Hall
[Contest]	Kagoshima Citizens' Exchange Center, 1F Center Hall
- **REQUIREMENTS** You must be a foreign national residing in Kagoshima Prefecture, and have not previously received the Grand Prize in this contest.
- **MAX APPLICANTS** 40 people (only individual applications are accepted.)
Please make sure to send all required documentation by 1st December, as we may have to screen applicants in the case of a large number of applications. We will inform you whether or not the screening process will take place, as well as the result of your application, regardless of its outcome.
- **THEME** Anything except for RELIGION or POLITICS.
- **TIME LENGTH** 4 – 6 minutes.
- **RESTRICTION** The use of props nor sound effect is not permitted.
- **AWARDS** Grand Prize (¥50,000 and an extra prize); Honorable Mention Award, Judges' Special Award; etc.
- **DEADLINE** 23rd November 2021
- **APPLICATIONS** Complete all required components of the application form and send it via fax, email, post, or you can also deliver in person.

*A confirmation email will be sent once we have received your application. If you do not receive a confirmation email by 23rd November, please contact the Kagoshima International Association (KIA) office, as the application may not be complete.

- **GUIDELINE OF RECORDS**

KIA records during 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 uploading of unauthorized materials including reports, handouts, and other web-based content created by KIA is strictly prohibited to be used on external sites.

Successful Applicants Only

Please read the rules carefully and follow them properly during the preliminary and contest rounds.

COVID-19 Infection prevention and control measures for ENTRY & SEATING

Preliminary Round: Entrance to the Preliminary Round is restricted to applicants, their family/or accompanied guardian/friend.

Contest: Information on entry and seating will be available at a later date.

COVID-19 Infection prevention and control measures DURING THE SPEECH CONTEST

- Everyone must wear a mask at all times.
(However, once an applicant is isolated on the stage in preparations for their speech, the mask may be removed.)
- Each time a speech finishes, we will be disinfecting the microphone and the surrounding area.
- Those entering the auditorium will have their temperatures checked and must cleanse their hands in alcoholic disinfectant before entering.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For the safety of everyone involved, the Speech Contest may, at any point, be canceled due to the ongoing changes that Covid-19 is causing.

INQUIRIES

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