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**‘Let’s Talk About the World: in Kagoshima!’**

## **The 26<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]	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	10:00AM
[Contest]	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- **AWARDS** Grand Prize (¥50,000 and an extra prize); Honorable Mention Award, Judges’ Special Award; etc.
- **DEADLINE** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020
- **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 23<sup>rd</sup> November, please contact the Kagoshima International Association office, as the application may not be complete.

- OTHER The use of props is not permitted.

In addition, 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.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 DURING THE SPEECH CONTEST**

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

#### **Successful Applicants Only**

#### **ENTRY & SEATING**

Preliminary Round: Entrance to the Preliminary Round is restricted to applicants, their family/or accompanied guardian/friend, judges and news/radio crews.  
Contest: 190 seats available. (Applicants, Judges and VIP are already accounted for)  
More information on seating will be available at a later date.

#### **MASK WEARING**

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.

#### **PREVENTION THROUGH STERILISATION**

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 postponed due to the ongoing changes that Covid-19 is causing.

### **INQUIRIES**

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