

## Background of Contest

This contest aims to encourage Japanese language learners to strive for greater excellence and to enhance the understanding and relationship between Singapore and Japan. The initial format for the contest was developed by the Japanese Cultural Society in 1968 and only included the Adult category. The dramatic increase in the number of students learning Japanese as a 3rd language prompted the Japanese Association to organize a Students' Eloquence Contest in 1995. The two contests were combined in 1996 to form the Japanese Speech Contest. This combined format has been retained for this year's contest.

## Entry Requirements

To be eligible to enter the contest, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Neither of the contestant's parent must be a native Japanese.
2. The contestant's first language or mother tongue must not be Japanese.
3. Contestants must be Singaporean, PR or student pass holder in Singapore.
4. For Secondary, Junior College and Tertiary categories – Contestants must not have resided in Japan for more than **12** months (excluding stay in Japan before primary school); For Open category – Contestants must not have resided in Japan for more than **24** months (excluding stay in Japan before primary school).
5. Contestants who have previously won first prize in any category in this contest are not eligible to enter the contest in the same category again.
6. Contestants under the age of 18 must seek parental / guardian's consent.

## Contest Format

The contest has 4 categories each with its prizes. The categories are:

1. Secondary School
2. Junior College
3. Tertiary School
4. Open (non-students)

There are three phases to the contest: preliminary, semi-finals and finals.

In the preliminary round, participant has to submit an ORIGINAL manuscript.

Participants can choose any topic but it has to be an original manuscript.

The manuscript should be equivalent to approximately 5 minutes duration in speech (4 minutes in the case of Secondary School Category).

The contest judges will select a maximum of 20 semi-finalists from each category.

All semi-finalists are required to submit a recorded speech [CD / digital audio file (mp3 or wma format) / cassette tape].

6 finalists will be selected to enter the finals. The finalists will present their manuscript at the Finals held at the Auditorium of the Japanese Association, Singapore.

Completed entry form, an original manuscript and recorded speech are to be sent to:

Japanese Speech Contest 2010 Organizing Committee  
c/o The Japanese Association, Singapore 120 Adam Road Singapore 289899  
Email: japspeechcontest@jas.org.sg

## Tuition

The Japanese Speech Contest 2010 Organizing Committee offers **free** tuition to semi-finalists from Secondary School and Junior College. Participants who need tuition must indicate the request for arrangement of tutors on the application form.

## Important Dates

Closing date for applications (submission of manuscript)

Notification to semi-finalists

Closing date for submission of recorded speech (for semi-finalists)

Notification to finalists

Final contest at the Auditorium of The Japanese Association, Singapore

6th May (Thu) 5.00pm

14th May (Fri)

3rd June (Thu) 5.00pm

11th June (Fri)

4th July (Sun) 10.00am – 3.00pm

## Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in each category as follows:

### 1. Secondary School Category

- Winner: Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry President's Cup and attractive prize
- Runners-up: Electrical appliances

### 2. Junior College Category

- Winner: The Japanese Association, Singapore President's Cup and attractive prize
- Runners-up: Electrical appliances

\* Singaporean participant who obtains the highest position in this category will be invited and sponsored to represent Singapore in the International Speech Contest to be held in Japan, which is part of "The Cross-Cultural Experience Program".

### 3. Tertiary School Category

- Winner: Japanese Cultural Society President's Cup, Homestay in Japan with return air tickets and attractive prize
- Runners-up: Electrical appliances

### 4. Open Category (non-students)

- Winner: The Japanese Ambassador's Cup, Homestay in Japan with return air tickets and attractive prize
- Runners-up: Electrical appliances

*In addition, all semi-finalists will receive a commemorative gift.*

## Enquiries

Further information can be obtained from: Ms. Sharon Tew c/o The Japanese Association, Singapore  
Homepage: <http://www.jas.org.sg> (Tel: 6468 0066 Ext: 4204 Fax: 6469 6958 Email: japspeechcontest@jas.org.sg)

Category :  Secondary  Junior College  Tertiary School  Open

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Date of Birth : \_\_\_ dd \_\_\_ mm \_\_\_ yy NRIC No : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code : \_\_\_\_\_

School Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Dept : \_\_\_\_\_

Tel : \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (HP) \_\_\_\_\_ (O)

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Request for Tutor:  Yes  No (for Secondary School and Junior College Categories Only)

Years & Location learning Japanese: \_\_\_\_\_ years at \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived in Japan for more than 12 or 24 months\*?  Yes  No (excluding stay before Primary School)

I have read and understood the rules & regulations governing this contest, and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent / Guardian (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Participation Objective (in English) :

Speech Title (in Japanese) :

### – For Official Use Only –

Category :  Secondary  Junior College  Tertiary School  Open

Registration No : \_\_\_\_\_

Submission of Manuscript :

Recorded Speech :

Tutor's Name :

(for Secondary School and Junior College Only)

Result :  Preliminary  Semi-finals  Finals