

The 11th Annual Japanese Language Festival
(JLfest 2017)
俳句 'Let's Write a Haiku' Competition

Objective

The competition aims at enhancing the creative writing skills and language appreciation among Japanese language learners.

Rules and Regulations

This must be read together with the 'Competition Common Rules of the 2017 JLfest'.

1. ELIGIBILITY

This is an individual competition and has no age limit.

2. NUMBER OF ENTRANTS

There is no limit to the total number of contestants.

3. PRIZES

- ❖ 1st Prize: Certificate & prize
- ❖ 2nd Prize: Certificate & prize
- ❖ 3rd Prize: Certificate & Prize

All remaining contestants shall receive a Certificate of Participation.

4. GENERAL RULES

4.1 Theme: そうじ 「掃除」

Create your own HAIKU (a poem of 5-7-5 syllable format) in Japanese with the above theme. The word 「掃除」 or 「そうじ」 should not appear in the poem but the poem must convey the feeling, presence or even after-effect of it.

4.2 Marks will also be given for creativity and beautiful handwriting. Hence, practise writing the HAIKU as often as possible as well as plan out its layouts, together with relevant small icon or illustration to



enhance your HAIKU presentation. You will not be allowed to bring along your work as reference during the competition. Hence, you are advised to remember how your works like by practising well. You may include your pen-name (in Kanji, Hiragana or Katakana) to composition.

4.3 Execution: On the competition day, you will be given 3 pieces of 15cm x 21cm white paper (A5 sized). You will have **30 minutes** to write your HAIKU and add in any drawings if required.

You will NOT be allowed to use any references during the competition.

You may make 3 different versions of your HAIKU but may only submit ONE for the competition. Make sure you have your full name, school name and contact written with a ballpoint pen on the back of the HAIKU before submitting it.

4.4 Writing materials: You are to bring in your writing/drawing tools. Only 3 pcs of white art paper will be provided by the organizer.

5. SELECTION AND JUDGING CRITERIA

HAIKU will be judged based on its

- Composition
 - Conform to the 5-7-5 syllable format
 - Ability to describe a moment or feeling clearly
 - Ability to convey more (ideas) with less (words)
- Handwriting
 - Correctness
 - Sense of Balance
 - Creative
- Presentation
 - Impact, Layout & Creativity

6. JUDGING PANEL

The judging panel shall be appointed by the organizers. Decision of the panel is final. The panel may also exercise sole discretion to make or withhold an award.

7. DISQUALIFICATION

Contestant will be disqualified if the HAIKU

- a) Is not the original works of the contestant or has been published prior to the contest
- b) Contain any vulgar, offensive wordings or religious verses
- c) Contain any obscene images or illustrations
- d) Is not written in Japanese
- e) Disrupt or jeopardize his/her opponent

8. COPYRIGHT

All contestants' work will be the property of the Japanese Language Society of Malaysia (JLSM) and shall not be returned to the contestants. By entering this competition, contestants agree to allow JLSM perpetual, royalty-free license to reproduce, display, distribute and showcase of the works as well as to publish.

Sign-up Period

March 1 - 31, 2017

Sign-up Procedure

- a) Sign up online (using the password given).
- b) After signing up, print out the competition form and signed it. Have it endorsed, if required.
- c) Bring that form along to the festival and submit it to the competition secretariat before the competition starts. You may also need to show your MYKad, driving licence or student card for identity verification. Failing which you may not be allowed to compete. Incomplete competition form will not be accepted.

NOTE

Participants from secondary schools are required to sign up for the competition through their Japanese language teacher.

Organizer

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