

The 11th Annual Japanese Language Festival (Jlfest 2017)

コメディ・ストーリー・テールリング Japanese Comedy Story Telling Competition



Objective

The competition aims at enhancing the oral skills through cultivating Japanese language learners' interest in reading as well as their appreciation of the language and Japanese comedy (Rakugo).

It also encourages learners to inculcate good values through telling or listening to the story.

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 limited to secondary school students only. The contestant represents an organization and each organization may only send 1 contestant. Neither of contestant's parents shall be a Japanese native speaker.

2. NO OF ENTRANTS

Number of entrants is limited to the first 20 persons registered for the competition.

3. PRIZES

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

All remaining contestants shall receive a Certificate of Participation. However, finalists who are unable to participate in the final shall not be given a certificate nor any form of recognition.

Prize-winners who are eligible for **KAMENORI FOUNDATION AWARD** will be invited to a selection interview (if they wish) at the end of the festival ie **April 30, 2017**. For details, please refer to Jlfest 2017 webpage.

4. GENERAL RULES

4.1 Presentation: You are to read the given script 「猫の皿」 without leaving out any sentences or words.

However, you may repeat certain words or add in vocal sound like laughter or cries.

4.2 Execution: You are to finish reading the story **within 7 minutes**. No stage hands or helpers are allowed. Music is also not permitted.

4.3 Props: You may only use a **tenugui and a fan (sensu)** as props. The use of multimedia and LCD projector is prohibited.

4.4 Costumes: You may choose to wear a costume to portray a certain character of the story.

5. SELECTION AND JUDGING CRITERIA

5.1 Preliminary Round & Final

- a) Contestants will be given 3 minutes to finish story up to the sentence marked with 「※」 (on page 3) for the preliminary round on April 29, 2017 (Sat).
- b) The best six (6) contestants, in the opinion of the judges, will proceed to the final on April 30, 2017 (Sun).
- c) At the final, the contestants will be given 7 minutes to finish the whole story.
- d) Contestants will not be allowed to continue when their time is up.
- e) The organizer reserves the right to increase or reduce the number of finalists without attesting any reason or giving any prior notice.

5.2 The judging guidelines

Story delivered should be clear, easy to understand, convincing and interesting so as to

capture the attention of the audience. The guideline shall be as follows: -

- Pronunciation & Fluency (10 marks)
- The Voice (20 marks)
Appropriate, creative and convincing use of the voice to deliver the story (loudness, speed, vocal sound effect, etc)
- Body Gesture (15 marks)
Effective and creative use of body language in creating the atmosphere of the story.
Good eye contact.
- Stage Presence (5 marks)
Confidence, props

A penalty will be given if contestant:-

- a) Unable to finish the story within the given time duration
- b) Deviates from the official script
- c) Uses electronic devices or equipment
- d) Uses music
- e) Contravenes the dress code

6. JUDGING PANEL

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

7. DISQUALIFICATION

The contestant will be disqualified if he or she

- a) uses other language other than Japanese during the presentation;
- b) disrupts or jeopardizes his/her opponent;
- c) uses religious icons, verses or images.

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.

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