



# *The 26th JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST in BRUNEI DARUSSALAM*



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### ■ DATE AND VENUE OF THE CONTEST

- 1) The contest will be held on Friday 14/09/2012 at the Core, UBD from 2:00 pm.
- 2) A preliminary round may be held if there are more than eight contestants joining the contest in the Beginners and Advanced categories respectively. Information, including date and venue of the pre-contest, will be provided to the contestants by the Japanese Speech Contest Brunei Darussalam Running Committee.

### ■ CONTEST

- 1) All contestants will compete by presenting their own original speech in Japanese.
- 2) All contestants will compete in one of the two categories: beginner or advanced categories.

### ■ ELIGIBILITY BY CATEGORY

All contestants must meet the following criteria specific to their category:

- 1) Beginners Category
  1. Contestants have studied the Japanese language for less than or equal to 2 years as of 30 June 2012\*.
  2. Contestants must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 3 months since the age of six.
  3. Contestants must reside in Brunei Darussalam.
  4. Contestants must not be native Japanese speakers.
- 2) Advanced Category
  1. Contestants have no restriction on their years of study.
  2. Contestants must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 2 years since the age of six.
  3. Contestants must not have stayed in Japan for more than 3 months within the last five years.
  4. Contestants must not have previously won first prize in the Advanced level category of this contest.
  5. Contestants must be citizens or permanent residents of Brunei Darussalam (i.e. Yellow, Red or Purple identity card holders).
  6. Contestants must not be native Japanese speakers.

\* Calculation of years of instruction must include all years taken by the contestant since his/her admission to secondary education, up to the closing date of Registration (17 July 2012). The Organizing Committee will have the final word on the eligibility and placement of participants in the appropriate category.

### ■ TITLE AND CONTENT OF THE SPEECHES

- 1) Contestants are free to choose their title and subject but should avoid political, religious or controversial topics.
- 2) Contestants are required to write their own original speeches.
- 3) Contestants are advised not to bring notes/ scripts to the podium as a penalty will be given for their use.

### ■ SPEECH DURATION

Beginners:                2 minutes  
Advanced:                3 minutes

A contestant whose speech exceeds the time limit may be penalized.

## ■ ORDER OF SPEECH PRESENTATION

The order of speech presentation in the contest will be decided by the organizer.

## ■ APPLICATION FORM

Application forms can be collected from the Continuing Education Division, Ministry of Education, Jalan Pasar Baharu, Bandar Seri Begawan BE3710 (tel: 242 2493) during office hours. The same application forms are also available at the website of the Embassy of Japan, <http://www.bn.emb-japan.go.jp/> for anyone to download.

## ■ REGISTRATION

Contestants must submit (a) the script of the speech written in Japanese characters, (b) the summary of the speech in English, (c) a photocopy of your Valid Brunei Identity Card along with (d) the application form to the following address by 4:00 pm. on 17 July 2012. We also accept submission by email ([jsc.brunei@gmail.com](mailto:jsc.brunei@gmail.com)). No application will be accepted after this deadline.

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The organizing committee reserves the right to reject any application on the grounds that it represents a risk of adversely affecting the reputation of the Competition or its organizers.

## ■ CERTIFICATES & PRIZES

Certificates and prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in both categories: Beginners and Advanced. In addition, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded in the Beginners and Advanced categories. The decisions of the Judging Panel are final.

## ■ COPYRIGHT OF THE SPEECH AND YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

The copyright of the speech will belong to the organizer. Your personal information provided for the speech contest and part or whole of your speech may be used to promote the contest or Japanese Language Education in general.