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***The 30th JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST***

***in BRUNEI DARUSSALAM***

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| **APPLICATION OUTLINE** |

** DATE AND VENUE OF THE CONTEST**

1) The contest will be held on **Saturday 27 August 2016** at **IBTE Mechanical Campus, Kg Tungku, Gadong**  from **2:30 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: i.e. Beginner or Advanced category.

** ELIGIBILITY BY CATEGORY**

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

1) Beginner Category

1. Contestants have studied the Japanese language for less than or equal to 2 yearsas of **30June 2016\*.**

* 1. Contestants must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 3 months since the age of six.
  2. Contestants must reside in Brunei Darussalam.
  3. 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 previously won first prize in the Advanced level category of this contest.

4. Contestants must be citizens or permanent residents of Brunei Darussalam (i.e. yellow, red or purple identity card holders).

5. 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 (30 June 2016).  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. Use of notes/ scripts on stage will be penalised.

** SPEECH DURATION**

Beginner:              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 downloaded from the address below:

<http://goo.gl/forms/lghqr3IKfu>

** 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

(d) the application form

Please submit the above four documents by **4:00 pm on 30 June 2016** by online at <http://goo.gl/forms/lghqr3IKfu> or by email, [brunei.jsc@gmail.com](mailto:brunei.jsc@gmail.com).  A soft copy of the summary of the speech must be sent by email attachment in Microsoft® Word format to the above address. No application will be accepted after the deadline.

The organising 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 organisers.

** CERTIFICATES & PRIZES**

Contestants will be awarded a certificate of participation. Winner certificates and prizes will be awarded to the 1st place winners in the Beginner and Advanced categories. In addition, 2nd and 3rd place certificates and prizes will be awarded in the Beginner 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 organiser.  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.