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Regulations & Application Form

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Introduction

MOSAI started All India Japanese Language Speech Contest in 1985 to encourage students to express spontaneously their own thoughts in the Japanese Language. It is not a memory test of a written speech. Speeches on Religious or Political subjects are not allowed.

Candidates are nominated by a registered Japanese Language teaching organization in Junior and Senior Categories

The following type of Japanese Language Institutions can nominate/participate:

1. Department or affiliated College or Centre of recognized University
2. Registered Company/Society /Trust/Organizations: Attach copy of the Registration Certificate

Zonal Contests

All India Contest is preceded by Zonal Contests. Winners of Zonal Contests participate in All India Contest. Zonal Contests are organized by the following partner organizations:

- North Zone: Mombusho Scholars Association of India, New Delhi
- West Zone: Indo Japanese Association, Pune
- East Zone: Indo Japan Welfare & Culture Association, Kolkata
- South Zone: ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Chennai

1. Requirements/Eligibility

- 1.1. The participant can be anyone other than a Japanese national; and at the time of the regional contest should be studying as a formal student at an Institution that teaches Japanese in India and is nominated by that institute for the regional contest. The nominating institution must ensure that the mother or father of none of the nominated students is a native Japanese. Winners of the regional contest (3 each in junior and senior categories) are nominated for the All India Japanese Language Speech Contest by the authorities of the regional contests.
- 1.2. Those who have studied Japanese for more than **1500 hours or 5 years**, or who have studied in Japan for more than **3 months cannot participate** in this competition. Regular Teachers of the Japanese Language can also not participate.
- 1.3. Participants must be between the ages of **18 and 35** (relaxation of ± 6 months for lower and upper limits in specially recommended cases).

2. Junior and senior groups

- 2.1. Any student who satisfies the conditions **in 1 above can participate in the Senior Group**. However, students who have studied Japanese for more than **600 hours** at the time of applying cannot participate in the junior Group.
- 2.2. People who won first place in the same competition before cannot participate in this competition again. However, junior category winners are allowed to enter the senior level the year after next.

3. Speech and evaluation criteria

- 3.1. Speeches can be on any topic other than religion and politics.
- 3.2. It is desirable that the content of the speech be a theme based on the participant's own way of thinking and experience. The level of speech, vocabulary and proverbs used, etc., should be according to their learning level.
- 3.3. The participant should not read from a pre-prepared manuscript and the speech must be completed within 4 minutes. [Minus points for exceeding time limit and for reading from manuscript.]
- 3.4. Previous attendees are not allowed to speak on the topic they spoke about last time.
- 3.5. After the speeches, the questioning panel will ask the participant questions according to the learning level and content. The questions will be simple on general language understanding and on the content of the speech, primarily to confirm if the participant has prepared the speech based on his/her own learning and experience.
- 3.6. A panel of judges called the jury will judge participants' speeches and performances and the decision of the jury will be final.
- 3.7. Criteria for judging: Content, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, manner of speech delivery, and responses to questions (according to junior or senior level).
- 3.8. In the speech, participants must not mention their name, the name of their institution, or the name of the city or town where they are studying Japanese.

Evaluation Procedure

A panel of Judges including prominent Japanese evaluate the performance of each participant and their decision is final. Speech is followed by a two-minute question answer session. Questions relating to the level and content of the delivered speech are asked by language experts

Evaluation Parameters

Some of the parameters considered in judging the performance include:

- **Content & delivery:** 10 points: Content should be well structured and reflect

personal thinking delivered with fluency and feeling; not as a reproduction of content learned by rote

- **Grammar & Vocabulary:** 10 points: Appropriate to the level (Junior or Senior)
- **Etiquette & Manner and overall impression:** 10 points: Appropriate intonation (pauses and emphasis) and gestures during the speech matching the Japanese culture of speaking
- **Questions and answers:** 10 points

Minus Points:

- For reading or consulting a script
- For speech exceeding 4 minutes

Disqualification

- Revealing your name or name of your institution: Disqualifies

Certificate & Prizes:

All participants receive participation certificates. The first, second and third prize winners in each category are also given winner certificate with Shield/Trophy/Special prizes.

Number of students that can be nominated

Usually, up to 03 students in Junior Category and 03 in the Senior category are allowed to be nominated. However, individual Zonal Organizers can decide to increase or decrease the number under intimation to Japanese Language Teaching institutions in their Zone.

How to Apply

Fill in the attached: -

- Nomination Form: One
- Application Forms: To be filled in separately by each nominated student
- Nominator's Email ID: