

We regret to inform you that 12th Japanese Speech Contest is cancelled due to the situation of public health in Qatar.

12th Qatar Japanese Speech Contest

1. Event Information

Date/Time: **Saturday, April 18, 2020**
Place: **Qatar University, Administration Building (B01) - Reception Hall**
Organizer: The Embassy of Japan in the State of Qatar
Co-organizer : Japanese Language Teachers' Association in Qatar (JALTAQ) and Qatar University
Contact: Embassy of Japan in the State of Qatar (ejqatar@dh.mofa.go.jp)

2. Entry Qualifications

Eligible candidates fulfil the following;

- a. Non-native Japanese speaker and resident of Qatar
- b. Learned Japanese more than 6 months in Qatar.

Not qualified if you have;

- a. Studied Japanese language more than 3 months in Japan
- b. Lived in Japan longer than 6 months
- c. Won the 1st place in this contest in the past

3. Entry

- a. If you study Japanese language at Qatar University , other educational institutions accredited by the Qatari government or currently studying Japanese language with JALTAQ, please contact your teacher to apply. The application forms will be collected by teachers in their respective institutions.
- b. Contestants who don't belong to any institutions, please contact Embassy of Japan in the State of Qatar (ejqatar@dh.mofa.go.jp) directly. We may ask you to do online interview to check your Japanese level to fit in the right category.

4. Speech Categories

	CATEGORY	TIME LIMIT	SPECIFICATIONS
A	Recitation	None	Participants will read a story of his/her choice from the pre-designated topics. Please select one title; 1) The Lion and the Mouse , 2) Shooting Star Sound sample; 1) The Lion and the Mouse , 2) Shooting Star
B	FREE TOPIC	2½-3 MINUTES	Participants will give a speech about a topic of his/her choice with a title.

C	FREE TOPIC	4-5 MINUTES	Participants will give a speech about a topic of his/her choice with a title. At the end of the speech, participants will be given questions related to his/her speech in Japanese. Answer to the questions.
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5. Registration and Submission Schedule

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Submission deadline:

Category	Submit	Deadline
A, B, C	Title of the speech	March 19, Thu
B, C	Japanese speech copy	April 3, Thu
B, C	English summary	April 5, Sun

6. Judging

- Criteria: content and construction, pronunciation and the manner.
- Slides or any other tools used for illustration will not be permitted.
- Overtime will be subjected to point deduction.
- Category **A** is suitable for contestants participating for the first time.
- For Category **B** and **C**, they will be subject to points deduction, if they read a copy of the speech.
- Contestants on Category **C** will be asked questions after the speech which will be included in judging.

We look forward to seeing you at our 12th Japanese speech contest on April 18th, 2020. Good luck!