

Guidelines

Japanese Language Speech Contest

1. Timeline

26 September: Application forms open (JFND website)

10 October, 23:59: Deadline for application submit.

1 November: Contest Day

*Schedule subject to change. If there are too many participants, online qualifying rounds may be held in advance.

2. Eligibility

- (1) Must be a Bhutanese living in Bhutan.
- (2) Mother or father must not be Japanese.
- (3) Must have studied Japanese in the past (self-taught is acceptable).
- (4) Must not have stayed in Japan for more than Three months in the past.

3. Application procedure

- (1) Application form can be downloaded from the JFND website.
- (2) Send an e-mail to Meeli_Khuraijam@jpf.go.jp, Taisei_Toyomaru@jpf.go.jp and Chiaki_Suzuki@jpf.go.jp with the manuscript and application form attached. Manuscripts should be sent as data in WORD.
- (3) For this speech contest, we will have two categories: Junior category for those with less than 300 hours of learning and Senior category for those with more than 300 hours. Please indicate which category you are applying for on the application form.
- (4) We will inform you regarding your participation status by October 15. We will also inform you about the location and meeting time on the same day.

4. Rules

- (1) Speeches must be written by the contestants themselves. If you are found to have plagiarised, you will be banned from participating in the speech contest.

(2) Speeches should be prepared for 3 minutes. This will be followed by a 3-minute Q&A session. Points will be deducted if the time is exceeded.

(3) You shouldn't bring any items into the speech. Singing is also not permitted during speeches.

(4) Speeches are judged on four criteria: Originality, Clarity (structure, grammar, expression), fluency (pronunciation), question and answer.

5. Content

Please create your speech title by yourselves. The topic can be anything as long as it relates to Japan.

6. Commendation

(1) Certificates will be issued to all participants.

(2) The top three winners will be awarded prizes.

(3) The winner will be invited to address a speech at the opening event of the Bhutan-Japan Week on 2nd November.