

Japanese Language Speech Contest 2025 Guidelines

1. Timeline:

16th August: Application form opens (JFND website)

15th September, 23:59(BTT): Deadline for application form submission.

17th October: Speech Contest Day

Other details of the speech contest will be shared with the participants by 1st October 2025

*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 Taisei_Toyomaru@jpf.go.jp , Meeli_Khuraijam@jpf.go.jp & Vaishnavi_Kulkarni@jpf.go.jp with the manuscript and application form attached.
- Manuscripts should be sent as Word file.

4. Rules:

- (1) Speeches must be written by the contestants themselves. If you are found to have plagiarised, you will be barred from participating in the speech contest.
- (2) Speeches should be 2 minutes 30 seconds to 3 minutes in length, followed by a Q&A session. Points will be deducted if the speech does not meet the time requirement or is shorter than 2 minutes 30 seconds. This will be strictly observed.
- (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) and Q&A

5. Content: Please create your own speech title. The topic may be anything, provided it is delivered in Japanese.

6. Commendation:

- (1) Certificates will be issued to all participants.
- (2) Prizes will be awarded to all participants.
- (3) The winner of the contest will be invited to make a speech at the opening of the Bhutan-Japan Week **on 18th October.**

We will also be hosting a Pen Calligraphy Experience that day, so do join us!