

Japanese Language Speech Contest (JLSC)

Rules & Regulations

**Along with forms for Japanese Language Institutions
to nominate their students**

(Students desirous of participating should contact the Japanese
Language Institution they are enrolled in)

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Introduction

All India Japanese Language Speech Contest was launched by MOSAI in 1985.

Objective is to encourage students to express spontaneously their own thoughts in 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 their students

1. Department or affiliated College or Centre of a 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: www.mosai.org.in
- West Zone: Japanese Language Teachers Association, Pune: www.jaltap.org.in
- East Zone: Indo Japan Welfare & Culture Association, Kolkata: www.ijwca.org.in
- South Zone: ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Chennai: <https://abkaotschennai.com>

Eligibility

Age limit (at the time of applying): Minimum 18 and maximum 35 years (**plus minus 6 months**).

Learning Hours

- **Junior Category:** students who have studied Japanese for less than or equal to **600 hours**
- **Senior Category:** Not more than 1500 hours
- *Additional Eligibility conditions are contained in the application form.*

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.

Teacher of nominating institution cannot be on the panel of judges or a member of the questioning panel.

Evaluation Parameters

Some of the parameters considered in judging the performance include:

- Content: 10 points: Content should be well structured and reflect personal thinking
- Delivery: 10 points: Delivered with fluency and feeling; not as reproduction of content learned by rote
- Grammar & Vocabulary: 10 points: Appropriate to the level (Junior or Senior)
- Etiquette & Manner: 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 her/his name or name of institution during the speech disqualifies the participant.
- If before or after the delivery of the speech, the speech content is found to have been copied from previous speeches, the participation will become null and void

Certificate & Prizes:

All participants receive certificates. The first, second and third prizewinners in each category are also given special prizes.

Number of students that can be nominated: Usually, up to 03 students in Junior Category and 03 in the Senior category, however, individual Zonal Organizers can decide to increase or decrease the number.

How to Nominate

Get individual applications filled in by the students you wish to nominate and then prepare the Nomination Form and email and post to the organizer

Nomination Form-2026

(to be filled in by the nominating institution; incomplete application may be rejected))

Information of Nominating Institution

Name of the Nominating Institution:

Address:

Website:

Name and Designation of the Authorized Nominating Person of the Institution:

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Mobile number:

Registration Certificate is attached (only for Institution Registered as Company/Society/Trust/)

Details of attached document:

Courses offered by the Institution (fill in only as many as applicable) :

Serial number of course	Prescribed Class room teaching hours of the course	Name of the Course (e.g., Basic, Intermediate, N5, N3, BA I , II year etc.,)
C1		
C2		
C3		
C4		
C4		

Summary of nominated Students: To be filled by the nominating person

	Student's Name (Given, Middle, Family)	Course presently Enrolled in (Course serial number)	No. of completed hrs. of Study
Junior			
1			
2			
3			
Senior			
1			
2			
3			

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Certification by Authorized Person

With respect to nominated students, tabulated above I certify that:

1. They are enrolled in the courses mentioned against their respective names
2. Students in the Junior category have studied Japanese language for less than or equal to 600 hours
3. They have not studied in Japan for a total of more than 3 months
4. They are not engaged in teaching Japanese Language
5. The mother or father of none of the nominated students is a native Japanese
6. The content of his/her speech will be original and not copied from any earlier delivered speech accessed through any written or electronic source.
7. Ages of the nominated students are between 18 and 35 years (plus minus 6 months)

I undertake to email draft of the participants/students Speech at least 10 days before the date of the Speech Contest

I attach:

Application forms of students: In Junior: number :..... And in Senior category number

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the entries in the attached Application Forms filled in by participants/students are correct.

Nominating authority's

Name:

Designation:

(Signature)

Date:

e-mail:

In case the information in the Nomination Form is found to be incorrect the institution may be debarred from sending candidates to the contest. Also, the organizers reserve the right to reject the Nomination Form that is not complete in all respects.

Send a scanned copy by email & hard copy via speed post or courier to your Zonal Coordinator:

North Zone: mosai.india@gmail.com

West Zone: indojapanese.pune@gmail.com , jaltap123@gmail.com

East Zone: purabi2001@gmail.com , indojapanwca@gmail.com

South Zone: rangaots@gmail.com

Individual Application Form

(To be filled in by individual Japanese Language Student)

Application that is not complete in all respects will be rejected

Category: Junior/Senior (cross one)

Photo of the
candidate

1. Name:
(Mr./Ms.) Given Middle Family

2. Date of Birth: / /

(Day / Month / Year)

3. Address:
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4. E-mail: **Mobile Number**

6. Passport Number:
(Write NA if you do have a passport)

7. Previous Participation in Zonal Contest

(Write NA, if not applicable) Contest Zonal (North/South/East/West)	Junior /Senior	Year	Position If 1 st /2 nd /3 rd

8. Academic Background:

Highest Degree	Year of passing	Name of Institution	Main Subject (s) Studied

9. Japanese Language Learning Background:

Name of the Institution	Period From: Month/year To Month year	Number of Hours of Japanese Language Studied at the Institution	Nature: Full Time/Part Time Cross the non- applicable
			Part Time/Full Time
			Part Time/Full Time
			Part Time/Full Time
TOTAL Number of Japanese Language Study Hours:			

10. Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)/NAT Test:

Please circle the level(s), if any, you have passed:

Level: N1 N2 N3 N4 N5

11. Stay in Japan, if any From To
(Month & year)

Name of Agency that sponsored your visit :

12. Topic of Speech in:

Romaji:

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Japanese:

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English translation

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Declaration

I certify that I have read and understood the rule and regulations and my application meets all the conditions mentioned therein and that all the information given in this form is correct.

I also declared that **I undertake to submit a draft copy of my Speech to the nominating authority at least 10 days before** the Contest

Signature of the Applicant

Date:

Place:.....



Name:.....

(Organizers reserve the right to reject the application that is not complete in all respects).

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