

TOKUSHIMA PREFECTURE
2018 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

1. PURPOSE True internationalization cannot be achieved without first coming in touch with other cultures and ways of life, fostering a sense of international awareness and gaining mutual understanding with people of the world to create a society in which we can all work and live together in harmony. This speech contest seeks to give a voice to the international residents of Tokushima Prefecture and engage them in a dialogue to further discourse on cross-cultural understanding and fostering multiculturalism.
2. DATE & PLACE July 22nd, 2018 (Sunday), 13:30 - 16:30
Awagin Hall (Tokushima Prefecture Kyodo Bunka Kaikan)
Small Hall (5F)
3. ELIGIBILITY Only foreign residents whose native language is not Japanese are eligible to apply. (However, foreign residents who have had over three years of compulsory education in Japan and those who have previously won the Grand Prize or the Tokushima Prefectural Assembly's Chairman of the Federation of International Exchange Assembly Members Award are not eligible to apply.
4. SELECTION Application will be open to all foreign residents of Tokushima Prefecture that fulfil the eligibility requirements. We will ask all applicants to submit an outline of their speech (about 800 characters), and after reviewing all of the applications, roughly 10 or so applicants will be chosen to proceed to the final contest.
5. THEME The topic is left to your discretion, but it should relate to the event's purpose of fostering cross-cultural understanding and multiculturalism.
6. LENGTH Speeches should be no more than 6 minutes in length.
7. AWARDS Grand Prize, one person (Prize: 50,000 yen gift certificate)
The Tokushima Prefectural Assembly's Federation of International Exchange Assembly Members Chairman's Award, one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
Awa Bank Award, one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
Tokushima Bank Award, one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
Tokushima Chamber of Commerce and Industry Award, one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
Tokushima City International Association Special Recognition Award, three people (Prize: 10,000 yen gift certificate)
Special Effort Award, to be decided (Prize: 5,000 yen gift certificate)
*All participants will receive a participation award.
8. HOW TO APPLY Submit your application form by mail or fax. Alternatively, you may submit your application in person.
9. DEADLINE May 29th, 2018 (Tuesday)
Applications must be turned in by 17:00.
10. ORGANIZED BY Tokushima Prefectural International Exchange Association (TOPIA)
11. CO-ORGANIZER Tokushima Regional Conference for Promotion of Student Exchange
12. SPONSORS The Tokushima Prefectural Assembly's Federation of International Exchange Assembly Members
Awa Bank
Tokushima Bank
Tokushima Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Tokushima International Association (TIA)
Otsuka Pharmaceuticals
Nichia Corporation
13. WITH THE SUPPORT OF NHK Tokushima, Shikoku Broadcasting, Tokushima Shimbun, Cable TV Tokushima, FM Tokushima, FM Bizan
14. WHERE TO APPLY Tokushima Prefectural International Exchange Association (TOPIA)
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