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JAPANFOUNDATION

第22回 大学生のための 日本語 スピーチコンテスト

あなたもぜひ挑戦(ちょうせん)してみませんか？

Saturday 6th March 2027

The 22nd Japanese Speech Contest for University Students

KING'S College LONDON

Venue: King's College London (@London)

Speech Category

The aim of the speech is to convey a meaningful message or argument on a topic of your choice through your own ideas, opinions, experiences, reflections, or academic interests. Participants should support their points with relevant examples or evidence and offer suggestions and/or solutions where appropriate.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate students who are studying a Japanese course aiming for the equivalent of JF standard B2-C2 at a university in the UK or Ireland including, as an elective, optional or other university-based language course.
- Those who have less than a total of three years' residence in Japan since the age of six.

* Five finalists will be selected.

Application Deadline **9th November 2026** (15:00 GMT)

Individual Presentation Category

The aim of the presentation is to explain your chosen topic clearly, using PowerPoint slides that include appropriate visual materials. Participants are expected to present the topic objectively, as the focus of the presentation should be on the topic itself rather than on their personal experiences.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate students who are studying a Japanese course aiming for the equivalent of JF standard A2-B1 at a university in the UK or Ireland.
- Those who have spent not more than 12 months in total in Japan.

* Five finalists will be selected.

Application Deadline **7th December 2026** (15:00 GMT)

Group Presentation Category

The aim of the presentation is to introduce a topic related to the U.K. or another country outside of Japan.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate students who are studying a Japanese course aiming for the equivalent of JF standard A1-A2 at a university in the UK or Ireland.
- Groups of two to four students.
- Postgraduate students alongside undergraduate student(s).

* Five finalists will be selected.

Application Deadline **14th December 2026** (15:00 GMT)

Details of JF Standard can be found here: https://www.jfstandard.jpf.go.jp/pdf/web_whole_en.pdf

Prizes Fantastic prizes available!

Who can apply?

The contest is aimed at undergraduate students who are currently studying Japanese as a foreign language at a university in the UK or Ireland. Candidates with Japanese parents are welcome to apply. Please see our websites for full eligibility criteria. Please note that First Prize winners from previous years will not be able to enter the same category again this year.

Application forms

https://lo.jpf.go.jp/whats-on/the-22nd-japanese-speech-contest-for-university-students/

Videos of the 21st Speech Contest

https://batj.org.uk/en/the-21st-japanese-speech-contest-for-university-students-results/

Contact & Further Information

The Japan Foundation, London
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Related Event for Business People

The 35th Speech Contest for Spoken Business Japanese

Post-graduate and professional learners of Japanese can compete in this speech contest!
Please visit the website below for more details : **www.soas.ac.uk/sppa**

Finals Day **3rd November 2026**