

Hong Kong Cup All Japan University Students English Speech Contest 2008

Final : Starting 10 a.m., Dec. 6, at The Yomiuri Shimbun Head Office in Otemachi, Tokyo

Organizer : Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Tokyo), Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)

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Aim

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Tokyo), which represents the HKSAR government in Japan, is organizing an English Speech Contest to deepen understanding of Hong Kong among university students in Japan, and to strengthen friendship and goodwill between Hong Kong and Japan.

Entry Qualifications

University students in Japan (excluding graduate students as well as students from a country or territory where English is the first or second language.)

The following countries or territories are considered to be those where English is the first or second language, as defined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

Republic of Singapore, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Republic of the Philippines, Negara Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Commonwealth of Australia, Republic of Kiribati, Independent State of Samoa, Solomon Island, Tuvalu, Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of Nauru, New Zealand, Republic of Palau, Republic of Botswana, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Fiji Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federal States of Micronesia, United States of America, Canada, Antigua and Barbuda, Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Granada, Jamaica, Republic of Suriname, Saint Vincent and the Trinidad and Tobago, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Republic of Uganda, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Cameroon, Republic of the Gambia, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Zambia, Republic of Sierra Leone, Republic of Zimbabwe, Republic of the Sudan, Kingdom of Swaziland, Republic of Seychelles, Somali Democratic Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Republic of Namibia, Republic of Botswana, Republic of Malawi, Republic of South Africa, Republic of Mauritius, Republic of Liberia, Republic of Rwanda, Kingdom of Lesotho, Sultanate of Oman, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Lebanese Republic, Ireland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Republic of Malta, Cook Islands, Niue, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Speech Theme

Participants should prepare a 7-minute speech on one of the following themes :

- Hong Kong : a place where the East meets the West.**
- What makes Hong Kong unique?**
- Hong Kong's image in the eyes of Japanese young people.**
- When I get the chance to visit Hong Kong, I would like to ...**
- The cultural heritage of Hong Kong that I know of.**

Application period

Monday, May 19 - Friday, October 10, 2008

How to apply

Please send the following documents:

- (1) Application form (One copy)
- (2) Document of proof of university enrollment (student registration certificate or a copy of student ID)
- (3) A copy of the typed English-language speech on A4 paper. (The document should also indicate the subject of the speech and the name and university of the applicant.)
*Please do not staple or clip the typed speech.
- (4) A cassette tape or CD/R with a recording of the speech delivered within the prescribed time (bearing the name and university of the applicant)

* The tapes or CD/R will not be returned.

* The copyright of the speeches submitted will belong to the organizer.

* Personal information of the applied documents is strictly managed in "Hong Kong Cup All Japan University Students English Speech Contest 2008 Secretariat". Moreover, the information is used for selection and the result report by the Yomiuri Shimbun and the Daily Yomiuri.

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For more information:

Please visit the website of Hong Kong Cup All Japan University Students English Speech Contest 2008:
URL: <http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/adv/hongkongcup2008/>

Participation Bonus

- Book coupon will be sent to all applicants as a token of appreciation.

Preliminary and secondary selections

- Fifteen contestants will be selected from the submitted documents for the final contest.

Final Contest

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008 AM10:00~PM16:30

At the Yomiuri Shimbun Head Office in Otemachi, Tokyo

- Each finalist will be invited to deliver a 7-minute prepared speech, and answer questions related to the speech for 3 minutes.
- Adjudicators will assess the speeches in terms of four criteria: English, content, delivery, and questions and answers.

Prizes

- ◇ First prize
 - Trophy(Hong Kong Cup) and testimonial from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 - Economy-class round-trip air ticket to Hong Kong with expenses paid for a short period of study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - Hotel accommodation in Hong Kong
 - Book coupon (¥30,000)
- ◇ Second prize
 - Trophy and testimonial from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 - Economy-class round-trip air ticket to Hong Kong with expenses paid for a short period of study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - Hotel accommodation in Hong Kong
 - Book coupon (¥20,000)
- ◇ Third prize
 - Trophy and testimonial from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 - Economy-class round-trip air ticket to Hong Kong with expenses paid for a short period of study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - Hotel accommodation in Hong Kong
 - Book coupon (¥20,000)
- ◇ Fourth to fifteenth prizes
 - Book coupon (¥15,000)
- ◇ Participation Bonus for finalists
 - Travel and accommodation fees for one night will be borne by Hong Kong Cup All Japan University Students English Speech Contest 2008 Secretariat.
 - A souvenir will be given to all contestants selected for the final.