

APPLICATION FORM

School: (Name & Address)		Teacher:	
		Email:	
		Signature:	Date:
Tel:	Email:		

Category: Key Stage 3/Key Stage 4/Key Stage 5 (please specify and submit one form for each category)

Entrant's Name	Date of birth	Current School Year	Title of speech if KS5	Signature

NOTE TO PUPILS:

Your signature on this form implies your agreement to the following:

What I say in my speech must be basically my own work. I may ask my teacher to correct any errors I make and to help with my pronunciation but I accept that neither my teacher nor anyone else should help me write sections of my speech.

The Japanese Speech Contest
for Secondary Schools
Nihongo Cup 2007

日本語

The Nihongo Cup
is co-organised
by the Japanese
Language Committee
of the Association for
Language Learning, the
Japan Foundation and
the Embassy of Japan.



JAPAN FOUNDATION



Embassy of
Japan
in the UK

HOW TO ENTER

There will be three separate categories:

Key Stage 3 (Candidates should be in school years 7, 8 or 9, or equivalent, on 31 March 2007)

Key Stage 4 (Candidates should be in school years 9 or 10, or equivalent, on 31 March 2007)

Key Stage 5 (Candidates should be in the sixth form, or equivalent, on 31 March 2007)

Record a short speech in Japanese on tape (see below for details of the theme). Speeches should be 2-3 minutes long for Key Stage 3, 3-4 minutes for Key Stage 4 and 4-5 minutes long for Key Stage 5.

Send your speech together with the application form overleaf to Nihongo Cup 2007, c/o Japan Foundation London Language Centre, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London WC1B 5EH. Applications must be received by **Saturday 31 March**.

THEME

This year, the theme for candidates in Key Stage 3 and 4 is **My School**. You are free to make a speech about any school – your own school, a Japanese school, or your ideal school – that relates to the theme **My School**. Take it literally and describe your own school. Tell us about your teachers, timetable and friends. Or you could interpret the theme more freely and talk about an ideal school, the sort of school you would love to be at! Or perhaps your school is very different, and teaches people all sorts of interesting things. Use the vocabulary, topics and structures you have learned in your Japanese lessons at school.

Candidates in Key Stage 5 are free to choose their own theme. The important thing to remember is that although your speech can be on any topic, it needs to be very well planned with a few main points which you introduce, elaborate and then summarise. Your speech should have a title. Please record the title on the tape at the start of your speech, and also write it on the application form.

FINALS

Judges will listen to every tape and choose six finalists from each category.

The finalists will be invited (with some supporters) to come and speak live at Finals Day on **Saturday 23 June** at the Japanese Embassy in London. Finalists in the Key Stage 5 category will also be asked to participate in a short question and answer session after their speech.

For further details, teachers of Japanese can call the Project Manager on 020 7871 0586 or visit the following websites: JLC (www.jlcweb.org.uk); JFLLC (www.jpff.org.uk/language).

PRIZES

The best speaker in each category will win a special trophy, to be kept by their school for a year. Gold, silver and bronze medals will also be presented to the winner and two runners-up to recognise their achievements. There will be a range of other prizes and goodies for winners, runners-up and other finalists. The winner of the Key Stage 5 category will also be invited to travel to Japan to take part in the Japanese Speech Award (JSA) Finals and Cultural Programme at the end of July 2007.

SPONSORS & PARTNERS

The organisers are very grateful to the following sponsors for their generous support of the contest: Toshiba, Ricoh UK Ltd, JRI Europe Ltd and JP Books (UK) Ltd. The organisers are also delighted to be working in partnership with the Japanese Speech Awards (JSA).

TEACHERS' NOTES

Please ask your pupils to fill in and sign the application form overleaf, which includes a statement that the speeches are essentially their own work. If you need more copies, this form can be photocopied or downloaded from www.jlcweb.org.uk or www.jpff.org.uk/language.

If you have a number of pupils entering the contest their speeches can be recorded onto a single tape as long as they state their names clearly before starting to speak. For screening purposes, separate tapes should be provided for each category. Please record onto tape, and not in any other format.

Candidates are free to interpret the theme in any way they like. When listening to the speeches, judges will be following general GCSE guidelines relating to communication and content, knowledge and application of language and accuracy. They will also be listening for clear and confident pronunciation.

RULES

1. The judges' decisions on all matters will be final.
2. Tapes submitted will not be returned.
3. Only one entry per student will be accepted and those who have won first prize in previous contests cannot enter the same category twice.
4. The contest is only open to bona fide students of Japanese in the UK.
5. Japanese native speakers and/or those for whom Japanese is a family language/language regularly spoken at home will not qualify.
6. Pupils who have lived in Japan for a continuous period of more than six months are not eligible.