

The Guideline of the First Annual English Presentation Contest



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3. Purpose

The use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in education in Japan is said to be the lowest among OECD countries, and the presentation skills of students are also ranked low. Through this contest, we aim to improve not only English skills but also ICT usage and presentation skills, as well as to cultivate critical thinking with a multifaceted perspective.

4. Date and time

Saturday, October 30th, 2021, 13:30~16:00

5. Venue

P's SQUARE* (2-4-1 Nishihara, Urasoe City)

*In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection, this contest will be held without spectators, and this event will be streamed on YouTube at a later date.

6. Eligibility

Applicants must reside in Okinawa and be enrolled in junior high school, high school, university, graduate school, junior college, or vocational school as defined by the School Education Law (including international students from overseas). Participants whose mother tongue is English are not eligible to participate.

7. Presentation theme

Choose one of the following themes for your presentation, and present it as a problem-solving type presentation in which you raise a familiar problem and present a solution to it.

a. How could Japan improve gender equality?

According to the "Global Gender Gap Report 2020" compiled by the World Economic Forum,

Japan's gender gap index ranks 121st out of 153 countries. The index is based on data from four areas: economics, politics, education, and health. Choose one of these areas and suggest what Japan could do to significantly improve gender equality.

b. Social inequality is increasing all over the world and in Japan. Propose what you think is the ideal society!

There was once a time when Japan was known as a "society of 100 million middle-class persons." At that time, OECD statistics indicated that Japan and the Nordic countries had the lowest levels of economic inequality. However, after the collapse of the bubble economy in the 1990's, Japan entered a period of great transition, with widening economic and social disparities. Given the current situation, please present what kind of society you view as ideal, including what you would like to achieve as a member of such a society.

c. Propose a new core industry necessary for the future!

Prior to the global spread of coronavirus, Japan's government had been trying to establish tourism as a core industry. Now, with restrictions on domestic and overseas travel, that future is being questioned. This is an opportunity to reconsider what we mean by "core industries." No doubt you have had new experiences and insights as a result of this crisis. Looking ahead to the post-Corona era, propose new industries that will form the basis of the country in the future.

8. About the presentation

(1) Language

All presentations must be given in English, including questions and answers. You are free to set the theme of the presentation, but it must be a problem-solving presentation that raises a familiar problem and presents a solution.

(2) Presentation Requirements

Use visual aids (posters, photos, music, videos, PowerPoint, real objects, etc.) in your presentation (multiple combinations are acceptable). It is prohibited to hand out materials to the audience, and you must not refer to the manuscript during your presentation (points will be deducted if you refer to the manuscript).

(3) Time limit

Presentations should last between 5 and 7 minutes. Presentations exceeding these time limits by one minute or less (over or under) will have points deducted. Presentations exceeding these time limits by more than one minute (over or under) will be disqualified. The time for Q&A will be limited to 3 minutes.

(4) Equipment used

Participants are requested to bring their own PC and other equipment for the presentation. Use the projector installed at the venue to project the computer screen.

9. How to apply

- (1) During the application period, fill out the OIHF online form and send snapshots for the program

separately to email (kokusai@oihf.or.jp).

(2) Snapshots should be submitted in JPEG format.

(3) Applications must be received no later than **September 26th, 2021**.

10. Number of Contestants

In the event of a large number of applicants, the organizer will set up a panel of judges and conduct document screening to determine 10 presenters for this competition.

11. Judges

Up to five academic experts, etc.

12. Judging criteria

Content and organization (50 points), persuasiveness (30 points), and Q&A (20 points), for a total of 100 points

13. Awards

Best Performance Award: Certificate, trophy, and JCB gift card worth 30,000 yen.

Excellence Award: Certificate, trophy, and JCB gift card worth 20,000 yen.

Superior Award: Certificate, trophy, and JCB gift card worth 10,000 yen.

Judges' Special Prize: Certificate, trophy, and JCB gift card worth 5,000 yen.

14. Important Remarks

- (1) Contestants will be provided with a Quo card (worth 1,000 yen) to cover the cost of transportation between their homes and the venue.
- (2) Submitted manuscripts will not be returned, and winners may be asked to submit electronic manuscripts after the competition.
- (3) The order of presentation will be determined by the organizer's drawing.
- (4) The copyright of the presentations in this contest belongs to OIHF.
- (5) Personal information will be used only for the purpose of conducting this contest. The names, nationalities, affiliations, photos, and presentations of the contestants will be publicized on Facebook, in the contest program, in publicity, and in newsletters.

15. For inquiries

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