

# THE 36TH JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST FOR FOREIGNERS

## 1. Host

Okinawa International Exchange and Human Resources Development Foundation (**OIHF**)

## 2. Co-Hosts

Okinawa Prefectural Government  
Okinawa Television Broadcasting Co., Ltd.

## 3. Sponsors

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Okinawa FamilyMart  
Japan Transocean Air CO., LTD  
Ryukyu Golden Kings (Okinawa Basketball Inc.)

## 5. Supporting Organization

Palette Group

## 6. Purpose of the Contest

The purpose of this contest is to help us deepen our understanding of Japanese/ Okinawan cultures, spirit of coexistence, and to provide insight for paradigm of international society, through speeches made by foreign residents living in Okinawa. This is also aimed at contributing to the mutual friendship between foreigners and the local residents of Okinawa.

## 7. Date and time

1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019 (Door open: 12:30 p.m.)

## 8. Venue

Palette Civic Theater  
Address: Palette Kumoji 9F 1-1-1 Kumoji Naha-city

## **9. Content of speech**

Free topic in line with the purpose of the contest  
(No commercial and religious topics allowed)

## **10. Requirements for participation**

- (1) Foreign residents living in Okinawa whose native language is not Japanese
- (2) Fifteen years of age or older as of the day of the contest
- (3) Those who have never been awarded the top prize of this speech contest in the past
- (4) Essay should be unpublished at any contests except preliminary to select finalist of this contest.

## **11. Screeners**

Seven individuals from administrative organizations and academic institutions concerned.

## **12. Evaluation criteria**

Content - 50 points / Expression - 50 points

## **13. Time limit**

Speech must be finished within 7 minutes. There will be a deduction of scores if the speech is longer than the specified time.

## **14. Application and deadline of manuscript**

- (1) Fill out an online application form and submit the manuscript (PDF) and snap photo(JPEG) for program as an attachment. You can find the online form at our homepage.
- (2) The manuscript must be typed in Japanese on A4-sized paper.
- (3) The submission deadline of application form is no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 10 (Thursday) 2019.

## **15. Inquires**

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## **16. Number of contestants**

The number of contestants is limited to about twelve people. If the number of applicants exceeds twelve, a preliminary selection will be conducted based on the manuscripts sent to the OIHF. Contestants who are selected will be informed of the result by mail or telephone before the contest.

## **17. Prizes**

(1) Golden Award

The Governor of Okinawa Prefecture will award certificate and prizes from supporting organizations. Also OIHF will award JCB gift card worth 20,000-yen.

(2) Silver Award

OIHF will award certificate and JCB gift card worth 15,000-yen. Also supporting organizations will award prizes.

(3) Bronze Award

Okinawa Television Broadcasting Inc. will award certificate and prizes from supporting organizations. Also OIHF will award JCB gift card worth 10,000-yen.

(4) Committee Special Award

This will be awarded if the head of screeners decides that there is a particular need for it. OIHF will award certificate and prizes from supporting organization.

(5) Incentive Award

OIHF will award certificate.

(6) Each contestant will receive a memorial gift from Okinawa Television Broadcasting Inc. and supporting organizations.

## **18. Notes**

- (1) Each contestant will receive a Quo Gift Certificate worth one thousand yen, as substitute for compensation for travel expenses from his/her home to the contest site.
- (2) Speech manuscripts will not be returned and prize winners might be requested to submit electronic files of their presentations.
- (3) The host decides the order of speeches by drawing lots.
- (4) The copyright of the contest speeches shall be held by Okinawa International Exchange and Human Resources Development Foundation.
- (5) The personal information of all contestants will only be used for the purpose of carrying out the "Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners. Name, nationality, and affiliation of contestants, as well as photographs and speech manuscripts, etc. will be published in the contest program, advertisements, and sponsor magazines, etc.