

**Let's Talk About the World: in Kagoshima!**  
**The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Japanese Speech Contest**  
**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

*Open to all foreign nationals living in Kagoshima Prefecture.  
Come and express yourself in Japanese!*

- **PURPOSE** To provide an opportunity for foreign nationals living in Kagoshima to express their opinions in Japanese and to improve their Japanese language ability, while aiming to help create a more culturally diverse and cosmopolitan Kagoshima through exploring the differences of cultures and national identity.
- **DATE** [Preliminary Round] 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Sat) 10:00~  
[Contest] 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Sat) 13:30~
- **LOCATION** [Preliminary Round] Kakuix Exchange Center, 1F Center Hall  
[Contest] Kakuix Exchange Center, 1F Center Hall
- **REQUIREMENTS** You must be a foreign national residing in Kagoshima Prefecture, and not have previously received the Grand Prize in this contest.
- **MAX APPLICANTS** 40 people (only individual applications are accepted).
- **THEME** Anything except for RELIGION or POLITICS.
- **TIME LENGTH** 4 – 6 minutes. (Over ~1,100 Japanese characters)
- **RESTRICTION** The use of props or sound effects is not permitted.
- **EVALUATION** Pre-screening: Evaluated by the secretariat office  
Preliminary Round, Contest: Evaluated by the judges

***Pre-screening:*** In principle, up to 40 participants will be selected based on the speech manuscript.

***Preliminary Round:*** 10 participants will be selected to move forward to the contest.

***Contest:*** Prizes will be awarded to selected participants.

- **AWARDS**
  - Grand Prize (¥50,000 and an additional prize),
  - Excellence Award (¥20,000),
  - Honorable Mention Award (¥10,000),
  - Judges' Special Award

- APPLICATION
  - ① Please submit your application via Google Forms.  
The link can be found on our website (<https://www.kiaweb.or.jp/>) or accessed via the QR code on the flyer.  
**【Deadline: 12 November 2024 (Tue)】**
  - ② After application is completed, please submit your speech manuscript via email.  
**【Deadline: 22 November 2024 (Fri)】**
- MEDIA DISCLOSURE
  - Participants' information such as names, nationalities etc. may be disclosed to the media by the organizers.
  - In addition, participants may be directly interviewed by the media.
- RECORDING GUIDELINES
  - The speech contest is recorded and filmed by the organizer, and the content can be used for platforms and reports such as YouTube and KIA homepages after editing.
  - We ask guests to refrain from the use of photography and audio recording during the speech contest.
  - Furthermore, any unauthorized uploading of materials (including reports, handouts, and other web-based content created by KIA) to be used on external sites is strictly prohibited.

## **INQUIRIES**

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