

TOKUSHIMA PREFECTURE
2014 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

1. PURPOSE True internationalisation cannot be achieved without first coming in touch with other cultures and ways of life, fostering a sense of international awareness and gaining mutual understanding with people of the world to create a society in which we can all work and live together in harmony. This speech contest seeks to give a voice to the international residents of Tokushima Prefecture and engage them in a dialogue to further discourse on cross-cultural understanding and fostering multiculturalism.
2. DATE & PLACE July 13th, 2014 (Sunday), 13:30 - 16:30
Awagin Hall (Tokushima Prefecture Kyodo Bunka Kaikan)
Small Hall (5F)
3. ELIGIBILITY Only foreign residents whose native language is not Japanese are eligible to apply. (However, foreign residents who have had over three years of compulsory education in Japan and those who have previously won the Grand Prize or the Tokushima Prefectural Assembly's Chairman of the Federation of International Exchange Assembly Members Award are not eligible to apply.
4. SELECTION Application will be open to all foreign residents of Tokushima Prefecture that fulfil the eligibility requirements. We will ask all applicants to submit an outline of their speech (between 400-800 words), and after reviewing all of the applications, roughly 10 or so applicants will be chosen to proceed to the final contest.
5. THEME The topic is left to your discretion, but it should relate to the event's purpose of fostering cross-cultural understanding and multiculturalism.
6. LENGTH Speeches should be no more than 6 minutes in length.
7. AWARDS Grand Prize --- one person (Prize: 50,000 yen gift certificate)
The Tokushima Prefectural Assembly's Federation of International Exchange Assembly Members Chairman's Award --- one person (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
Runner Up Awards --- two people (Prize: 30,000 yen gift certificate)
Special Awards --- to be decided (Prize: 10,000 yen gift certificate)
Special Effort Award --- to be decided (Prize: 5,000 yen gift certificate)
*All participants will receive a participation award.
8. HOW TO APPLY Please fill out the application form available at TOPIA and mail it to the above address or fax it to the above number. Alternatively, you may submit your application in person.
9. DEADLINE May 28th, 2014 (Wednesday)
Applications must be turned in by 17:00.
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14. WHERE TO APPLY Tokushima Prefectural International Exchange Association. (TOPIA)
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