

## The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Japanese Language Festival (JLfest 2014)

### 書道 Japanese Calligraphy Competition

Date: Sunday, May 4, 2014

Venue: Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology, UTM

### Objective

The competition aims at enhancing interest and understanding among Japanese language learners on the Japanese characters and how these characters are written.

It also encourages creativity among the learners.

### Rules and Regulations

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to any individual who is:-

- a) A Japanese language learner;
- b) Officially registered as the participant of the JLfest 2014; and
- c) Not a native Japanese speaker.

There is no limit to the number of contestants from each institution.

#### 2. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Certificate & prize

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Certificate & prize
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Certificate & Prize

All Participants will also receive a Certificate of Participation.

#### 3. GENERAL RULES

**3.1 Theme:** WIND. You may choose to write it either in Hiragana 「かぜ」 or Kanji 「風」. You are advised to practice writing it at home before the competition.

However, you are not allowed to bring any samples, whether they are your works or otherwise, to the competition.

**3.2 Execution:** On the competition day, you are given 30 minutes to write 「風」 or 「かぜ」 on the papers provided and submit the best (of your opinion) for the competition.

**Each contestant is allowed to submit only one (1) piece of paper for the competition.**

You are to write your full name and the name of your school on the back of your work before submitting it to the competition secretariat.

**You will NOT be allowed to use any references (even if they are your own works) during the competition.**

**3.3 Writing materials:** You will be given 3 pieces of calligraphy paper, a brush and ink. No extra papers will be given. Hence, you are advised to exercise caution.

**3.4 Old Newspapers:** You are required to bring some old newspapers to spread over your work space (to prevent dirtying the desk). You may also use them to practise

on with the brush and ink given during the competition.

#### **4. JUDGING CRITERIA**

Calligraphy will be judged based on its

- Stroke & its Character (30%)
- Balance & Composition (10%)
- Creativity & Impact (10%)

#### **5. DISQUALIFICATION**

The contestant will be disqualified if he or she

- a) Did not write the given word;
- b) Did not use the calligraphy paper, brush or ink provided by the organizer;
- c) Wrote any vulgar, offensive wordings or religious verses; or
- d) Disrupt or jeopardize his/her opponent.

#### **6. JUDGING PANEL**

The judging panel shall consist of representatives from the organizers and supporting partners. The decision of the judges and the panel is final.

#### **8. AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY**

Prizes will be awarded at the Closing Ceremony of the Jlfest 2014 on May 4, 2014.

The Judging Panel may exercise sole discretion to make or withhold an award.

*Note: Winners must make their own arrangement to collect their prizes should they be unable to collect them during the closing ceremony. Any expense incurred will be borne by the winners solely.*

#### **9. COPYRIGHTS**

The copyright of all photos and video clips taken at the competition belongs to the organizers.

#### **10. RIGHTS OF THE ORGANIZERS**

The organizers reserve the right to :-

- a) cancel the competition should the number of contests fell below the desired number;
- b) postpone the competition without prior notice and consultation;
- c) revise, add or delete any of the rules and regulations of the competition without prior notice; and
- d) make final decision on any disputes arising from the competition.

### **Registration Procedure**

Interested contestants are to download the application form from JLSM's webpage ([www.jlsm.org](http://www.jlsm.org)), complete and submit it to the organizer by **April 15, 2014**.

## Organizer

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