



## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners

### A Call for Contestants

In order to better understand how Japan (Yamaguchi) is seen from the perspective of a non-native and to help spread information about various countries to the people of Yamaguchi, the Yamaguchi Prefectural Chapter of the United Nations Association of Japan is hosting the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners. In addition, this speech contest will help in the development of those who wish to work to spread internationalization and international cooperation, to create a sense of mutual understanding between the people of the prefecture and residents from abroad and to serve as a ground for international exchange.

Contestants will draw from their time in Japan, sharing their experiences, thoughts, and opinions in a Japanese speech.

We look forward to your applications!

#### Details

**Date and Time: November 12, 2017 (Sun.) 13:30 ~ 16:00**

**Place: Old Prefectural Assembly Building** (1-1, Takimachi, Yamaguchi City)

**Requirements:** Must be 15 years of age or older, be a foreign resident in Yamaguchi Prefecture, and not have lived in Japan for more than 5 years

#### **Speech Requirements**

**Theme:** Topic of Your Choice (foreign residents in Yamaguchi Prefecture are free to write about their thoughts in daily life, findings or other topics relating to Japan or Yamaguchi, the deepening of mutual understanding with residents in the prefecture, etc.)

**Time Limit:** Less than six minutes, use of manuscript paper optional

**Rubric:** Content- 60 points, Expressions- 40 points, out of a possible 100 points

#### **Prizes**

**First Place:** Plaque and 30,000 yen

**Second Place:** Plaque and 20,000 yen

**Honorable Mention:** (number of recipients to be decided later) certificate and 5,000 yen

**All Participants:** Speech Contest Memento

**Application:** Send in a written copy of the speech, around 1000 characters, and include titles of any sub-topics, address, name, age, citizenship, job (school name and year), and phone number by fax or by email.

**Deadline: September 29, 2017 (Fri.)**

#### **Contestants:**

The Yamaguchi Prefectural Chapter of the United Nations Association of Japan will select 10 contestants from the applicants. The results will be sent to all applicants on October 13, 2017 (Fri.). Travel expenses can be compensated.

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