

2023-2024 Annual Rotary International District 3523SubDistrict 1,4,5

Mandarin or Taiwanese Speech Competition for Foreign Students in Taiwan

1. Objective

The theme of Rotary International this year is "Create hope for the world". To promote international culture interflow, we encourage and invite foreign students in Taiwan to show their talents and cultures by attending Annual Rotary International District 3523SubDistrict1,4,5 Mandarin or Taiwanese speech competition. This activity just ties in with the theme "Create hope for the world", and let's have an opportunity to "Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

2. Qualification

- 2.1 Foreign students in colleges or universities
- 2.2 Foreign students studying Mandarin or Taiwanese at language centers in Taiwan.
- 2.3 Rotary youth exchange students (RYEs)
- 2.4 2 to 5 members per team

3. Ways of Registration

- 3.1 Fill in the attached application form, email, fax or mail to below:
Attn: Rotary Club of Taipei SungShan
Address: 18F., No.180, Sec. 2, Dunhua S. Rd., Da'an Dist., Taipei City 106, Taiwan (R.O.C.)
Tel: (02)2739-8683 Fax: (02)2733-0013
Email : ssrotary@ms41.hinet.net
- 3.2. The application for the Speech competition shall be filled by December 27, 2023 (Wednesday)

4. Speech Competition

- 4.1 **Quantity of team limit:** 15-18 teams. If the registrations are over 18 teams, each language center is limited to recommend 3 teams at most. The host has the right to accept the applications according to the apply time queue, the speech outlines, the opinions of language centers' teachers.
- 4.2 **Date / Time:** January 27, 2024 (Saturday)/ 13:00 ~ 17:30
- 4.3 **Venue:** Taipei City Youth Development Office, 6th floor International Conference Hall Address: No.17, Sec. 1, Ren-Ai Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City100, Taiwan(R.O.C)

4.4 Required Speech Topic and Time frame:

Designed by contestants to demonstrate the special characteristics & cultures of Taiwan or their home country. If the topic fits to the host assigned, they will have extra scores.

- A. Part I: Performance. The performance form could be dance, sing... etc. For the sake of safety, do not use props having safety concerns (Ex. firecracker, confetti, powder, spray glue, smoke, fireworks, etc.). Time limit to 4 minutes. 2 microphones will be provided to each team.
- B. Part II: Speech, interpret our performance delivered in Part I in Mandarin or Taiwanese, Lecture by team leader or cooperate with team members. Time limit to 4 to 4.5 minutes.
- C. Extra scores if the content follows the suggestions below:
 - Discover Taiwan's Beauty
 - My observations of Taiwan's customs
 - Pains and pleasures in learning Mandarin
 - Pains and pleasures in learning Taiwanese
 - The most impressive experience in Taiwan
 - The cultural exchange between Taiwan and the contestants' home country

5. Contest check in remind

Bring passport and student certificate by 12:00

Registration and lots drawing should be completed by 12:30; otherwise, discarded.

6. Grading standard

6.1 Scores composition

Part I: Performance : 30 %

- Votes by audiences
- Criterion such as culture characteristics, outfit, performing skill, etc...
- Each audience votes for their favorite top 3
- The team of the highest number of votes gets 30 points, the 2nd one gets 29 points... and so forth.

Note: culturally distinctive dress is very welcome and encouraged

Part II: Speech:60 %

- The scores are given by the reviewers
- Criteria: Content 50%, Vocabulary 35%, Posture 15%.
- The team of the highest score gets 60 points, the 2nd one gets 58 points... and so forth.

Part III Time Control: 10 %

Total time limitation: 8 minutes

Part I Performance and Part II Speech are limited to 4 minutes individually.

1 point deducted if each Part is performed over than 4 minutes. The longer the overtime is, the more points deducted.

Part IV Host will ring the bell to remind the contestants

Case I: The Performance and the Speech are divided,

ring once at 3'30, ring twice at 4'00, and the microphone will be muted at 4'30.

Case II: Performance and the Speech are combined,

ring once at 7'30, ring twice at 8'00, and the microphone will be muted at 8'30.

6.2 Remarks:

- This competition is scored with the same criterion no matter in Mandarin or Taiwanese.
- There will be an extra Taiwanese Special Award offered if the Top 3 contain no team lectures in Taiwanese.
- There will be an extra Award for RYE students. If the Top 3 and the Taiwanese Special Award contain no RYE students. The top 2 RYE student teams will earn the awards.
- If same score takes place, the ranking will compare sequentially by the speech content, the performance, and the speech vocabulary.
- Read aloud looking at documents or any kind of notes are not allowed.

7. The Prizes

First Place: a certificate and NTD 20,000. -

Second Place: a certificate and NTD 12,000. -

Third Place: a certificate and NTD 8,000. -

Taiwanese Special Award: a certificate and NTD 8,000.-

RYE Special Award (2 teams): a certificate and NTD 3,000.-

Traveling expenses NTD 600 for each remanding teams per person

If the teams are from Miao-li County to the south, traveling expenses NTD 1,000. – per person

8. Judges

The judge committee includes expert reviewers and 3523 Taiwan Rotary executives

9. Epidemic Prevention Specification

In response to the epidemic, all spectators who register for the competition and attend must follow the epidemic prevention regulations of the Central Epidemic Command Center

10. Other

If there are any matters not covered in above regulations, the organizer may revise them at any time before the competition and announce to the participants