

National Chin-Yi University of Technology
2024 Mandarin Chinese Speech and Oral Reading Contest for
International Students

1. Aims and objectives: In order to encourage international students to proactively learn Chinese, improve their Chinese proficiency, enhance their social adaptability as well as their studies and workplace competitiveness, Chinese Teaching Division is going to hold a Chinese speech and oral reading contest for international students of National University System of Taiwan. Those outstanding contestants will be awarded with grants and certificates of merit. Through the contest and the instruction of our teachers, we expect to increase students' motivation towards Chinese learning and facilitate the atmosphere of Chinese auto-learning.
2. Organizer: Chinese Teaching Division, Language Center, NCUT
3. Eligibility: International students of National University System of Taiwan whose native language is not Mandarin Chinese
4. Date: 13:00-16:00, May 15th, 2024
5. Venue: Coffee Corner, Guo-Xiu Building 1F(K122)
6. Categories:
 - A1 Oral Reading (2'00'')
 - A2 Speech (3'00'')
 - B1 Speech Topic (4'00'')
7. Quota: 10 contestants for each category
8. Application Due Date: April, 25th, 2024
9. Application:
 - Registration form: Please go to the following URL (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1n_f5WYp-FDHIMUoaYm7VUji2IKfY_eeP?usp=sharing) to download the registration form, or scan the QR code below.



- Students from NCUT: Please fill out and hand in the application form to Chinese Teaching Division, Language Center (Guo-Shiou Building 1F K119).
- Students from the schools in National University System of Taiwan:

After filling in the information, please send the relevant attachments and the registration form to lgc@ncut.edu.tw. Please indicate the subject of the letter "Registration for the 2024 Chinese Reading and Speech Contest for International Students".

- The organizer will check the registration status regularly and admit the top 10 successful applicants in each group according to the applicant's registration time. If the quota is full, the organizer will announce the suspension of registration on the center's website. Students who successfully register will receive an email confirmation letter from the organizer.

10. Rules:

- A. After receiving the email confirmation of registration, the contestants for A1 reading competition should submit the text in person or email the text to the organizer, Ms. Liao (lgc@ncut.edu.tw), to facilitate the review and scoring. Please indicate "Text for the 2024 International Student Chinese Reading" in the subject of the letter. Texts should be submitted no later than three days before the competition (5/13), otherwise it will be deemed as an abstention. On the day of the competition, the Language Center will prepare the text for every contestant to read.
- B. A2 Speech and B1 Speech: Contestants of speech contest must compose their own draft and memorize it; it's not allowed to bring any text or note during the speech.
- C. The organizer will draw lots on April 26th to decide the order of contestants and announce it on the website of Language Center. Contestants will also be informed via e-mail or other communicative applications.
- D. Contestants should register at Coffee Corner at 13:00 on the day of the contest. Those who fail to show up before 13:10 will be disqualified.
- E. The timer will be started as soon as the contestant begins to talk or move (bow, make gestures, etc.) on the stage:
 - Contestants of A1 Oral Reading should finish the reading within 2 minutes. The bell will ring once at 1'30'' as a reminder; when it rings twice at 2'00'', contestants should end the reading and leave the stage.
 - Contestants of A2 Speech should finish the speech within 3 minutes. The bell will ring once at 2'30'' as a reminder; when it rings twice at 3'00'', contestants should end the speech and leave the stage.

- Contestants of B1 Speech should finish the speech within 4 minutes. The bell will ring once at 3'30'' as a reminder; when it rings twice at 4'00'', contestants should end the speech and leave the stage.

F. Evaluation criteria:

- A1 Oral Reading: Pronunciation and intonation 40%, Fluency 30%, Body language 10%, Manner, outfit and overall performance 20%.
- A2 Speech and B1 Speech: Pronunciation and intonation 25%, Fluency 25%, Content organization 30%, Body language 10%, Manner, outfit and overall performance 10%.

11. If contestants of A2 Speech end the speech before 2'30'', one point will be deducted from the total score for each insufficient 30 seconds (in case the insufficiency is less than 30 seconds, it will still be regarded as 30 seconds). If contestants of B1 Speech end the speech before 3'30'', one point will be deducted from the total score for each insufficient 30 seconds (in case the insufficiency is less than 30 seconds, it will still be regarded as 30 seconds).

12. Awards: There will be one First Prize, one Second Prize, one Third Prize, two Merit Awards for each category.

- 1st Prize: 2,800 NTD and a certificate of merit
- 2nd Prize: 1,900 NTD and a certificate of merit
- 3rd Prize: 1,100 NTD and a certificate of merit
- Merit Award: 600 NTD and a certificate of merit

13. *The organizer reserves the right* to amend the rules and regulations if necessary and will make an announcement before the contest and inform the contestants.

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