

The 27th Japanese Composition Contest for Japanese Language Learners Worldwide

Word Count: Approximately 1,300 characters

★ Choose one Japanese word or phrase that you love the most from your Japanese language studies.

1. You may select from kanji, idioms (two-character, three-character, four-character idioms), proverbs, onomatopoeia, haiku, tanka, anime quotes, song lyrics, excerpts from novels or academic papers, and write it within 1 to 100 characters.

2. Explain why you love that Japanese word or phrase and describe your experiences with Japanese language learning, including:

- What inspired you to learn Japanese?
- The joys and challenges of learning Japanese
- Your dreams and aspirations for Japanese language study and research

Theme: What is your favorite Japanese word or phrase?

Eligibility:

Open to non-Japanese nationals who are learning or researching the Japanese language.

How to Apply:

Submissions should be sent via email as an attachment. yuraumi@yahoo.co.jp

Postal mail is also accepted at the following address:

190-0031 Tokyo, Tachikawa City, Sunagawa-cho 2-71-1-C621
International Exchange Institute

Individual applications and group submissions from universities or Japanese language schools are both accepted.

Each submission must include the applicant's name, nationality, age, gender, school or occupation, and contact details (email address).

Deadline:

Submissions must arrive by Thursday, May 1, 2025 (Reiwa 7).

Judging Panel:

Kohji Oikawa (President, NPO Nihongo Speech Association)

Kazuo Omori (Director, International Exchange Institute)

Hiroko Omori (Editor-in-Chief, Japanese Language Learning Materials "Japan" as a Country)

Awards:

The award ceremony details are yet to be determined. Certificates will be sent as PDF files.

Individual Awards:

- First Prize (2 recipients): Certificate + ¥200,000 learning incentive
- Second Prize (10 recipients): Certificate + ¥50,000 learning incentive
- Third Prize (30 recipients): Certificate + ¥30,000 learning incentive
- Honorable Mention (50 recipients): Certificate + ¥10,000 learning incentive

Institutional Awards (for universities & Japanese language schools):

- 5 schools will receive ¥100,000 for purchasing Japanese language books.

Results Announcement:

Results will be announced on Saturday, August 16, 2025 (Reiwa 7) on the International Exchange Institute's website.

Organizers & Sponsors:

- Organized by: Kazuo Omori & Hiroko Omori (International Exchange Institute)
- Supported by: Kohji Oikawa (Fukushima, President of NPO Nihongo Speech Association), 3A Network Co., Ltd.
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