

Application Guidelines for the 23rd Japanese Essay Contest

JITCO will be holding its Japanese Essay Contest as follows, and we look forward to your participation

1. Eligibility

Foreign technical intern trainees and trainees, who are residing in Japan during the application period, are eligible to participate.

▼Those who have won the First Highest Prize in a previous Japanese Essay Contest may not apply.

▼Each applicant may enter only one essay, which must be an original essay that has not been submitted to any other contest.

2. Application Period

April 1, 2015 (Wed.) - May 14, 2015 (Thur.) Late applications will not be accepted.

3. Theme

Write about an impression you gained from participating in the technical intern training program.

◆About the theme◆

You are probably experiencing various thoughts and feelings while living in Japan as technical intern trainees and trainees. (Please feel free to express your point of view),Freely express, from your own point of view, (on what you feel or have felt as you're engaged daily with your technical intern training program. In addition to experiences related to work and training, you may also choose to write about scenes from your daily life in Japan. Give your essay a title that reflects what it is about.

※There is a tendency that some of the recent essay entries are influenced by the subjects of award-winning essays in the past.

However, we expect essays with your unique viewpoint that are free of the influence of previous essays.

4. Language

Japanese

5. Format

The main body of your essay may be up to 3 pages of A4-size 400-character Japanese manuscript paper (1,200 characters maximum).

▼Your essay must be original, handwritten by you. Essays typed using a word processor or personal computer as well as photocopied essays will not be accepted.

▼Be sure to write the title of your essay and your name in the margin of the manuscript paper.

▼Direction of manuscript text can be vertical or horizontal.

▼You may use any writing utensil, but if you choose to use a pencil, use an HB grade or darker pencil..

6. How to apply

Complete the designated application form, attach it to your essay, and post the form and essay to the address shown below.

▼Be sure to completely fill out the form.

▼You do not need to fill out the form yourself; you may have someone fill it out for you.

▼Applications submitted by fax or email will not be accepted.

[Address] Essay Contest Secretariat, Training Assistance Division, Human Resources Development Department
Japan International Training Cooperation Organization (JITCO)
Sumitomo Hamamatsu-cho Building, 4th Floor, 1-18-16 Hamamatsu-cho, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0013

7. Prize

First Highest Prize (four or so technical intern trainees/trainees) Letter of commendation and prize money (50,000 yen)

Second Highest Prize (four or so technical intern trainees/trainees) Letter of commendation and prize money (30,000 yen)

Third Highest Prize (20 or so technical intern trainees/trainees) Letter of commendation and prize money (20,000 yen)

▼In addition to the above, some essays will be selected for honorable mention and given a commemorative gift.

▼Winning essays and essays selected for honorable mention will be published in a booklet entitled The Award-winning Essays Collection of Japanese Essay Contest.

8. Announcement of Winners

Winners will be notified through their accepting organization, and their names will be posted on the JITCO website in late-August 2015.

9. Miscellaneous

(1) JITCO will not respond to any inquiries concerning the screening process.

(2) Entries not satisfying the application requirements will be rejected from the screening process.

(3) Personal information that you provide on the application form will be used only to the extent necessary for JITCO to administer the contest.

(4) Submitted essays will not be returned.

(5) JITCO retains the copyright to all submitted essays.

10. Inquiries

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