The 35th Annual JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

for Foreign Residents of Ibaraki Prefecture

Ibaraki International Association is holding a speech contest to provide an opportunity for Japanese-speaking foreign residents of Ibaraki prefecture to express their true feelings and impressions of Japan, or to talk about their home countries in Japanese. Other than political, commercial, or religious topics, anything that deepens global understanding is welcome. We look forward to your participation!

When: February 14th (Sat), 2026, 1:00pm [Open at 12:30]

Where: The Hirosawa City Kaikan, Shou hall

Who: Foreigners who live, work, or study in Ibaraki Prefecture

*Older than 15 years of age as of April 1st, 2025

* Those who have never received Japanese compulsory education

Speakers: Up to 15(In case of too many applicants, the organizing committee

will proceed to a careful selection.)

Speech length: 5 minutes

Topics: Any subject that deepens global understanding, other than political,

commercial, or religious topics

Application: Please submit the following via mail or e-mail:

① Application Form

2 Manuscript of your speech

3 Recording of your speech (data, CD-R, USB, etc.)

Deadline: December 15th (Mon), 2025

Prizes awarded:

A variety of prizes will be awarded, including Ibaraki Governor's Prize and several other special awards. The prizes are provided by the contest's business sponsors.

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Application Form Name (First, Middle, Last) **Nationality** Sex Total period of stay in Age **Japan** (as of February 14th,2026) (with Katakana to indicate pronunciation) (e.g. 3 years and 4 months) Home address \mp E-mail address Phone number **Occupation** Status of Residence Name of your Japanese class (e.g. Niji no kai) **Speech Title Result Notification** Workplace(School, Japanese Class Name): (if the person to contact is Name: Tel/Fax different from the applicant) E-mail: Address: [∓]

^{*}This application form can be downloaded from Ibaraki International Association HP. (English/Japanese)