Criteria for Japanese Language Speech Contest 2018 Hosted by Embassy of Japan and Ministry of Education

- 1. Date / Time : 12:30 pm~, Friday, 25th May
- 2. Venue : (TBC)
- 3. Purpose
- (1) This contest is intended to further provide assistance to motivate Japanese language learners in Tonga and help them improve Japanese language proficiency by offering opportunity to demonstrate progress of their study.
- (2) This contest contributes to deepen the mutual understanding and intercultural exchanges between Japan and Tonga.
- 4. Organizations
 - (1) Host : Embassy of Japan, Ministry of Education and Training
 - (2) Cooperation: Japanese Language Teachers' Association in Tonga (JALTAT), JICA Tonga Office, St. Andrew's High School
- 5. Categories and Theme
 - (1) Student category (Time limit : 3min.)

Form 4 : 私の好きな

Form 5: 私の夢

Form 6:トンガと日本について

(2) Open Category (Time limit : 5min)

Theme: None, Participant will make a speech with his/her own theme *as part of the primary screening for the Japanese Language Program

- 6. Speech
- (1) Participants are to make a speech in Japanese on the assigned theme and present it in front of the audience within the designated time limitation. Points will be deducted for exceeding the designated time limit.
- (2) Judges will evaluate with the criteria described in the 7.
- 7. General Criteria of Evaluation

Participants will be judged on the following five essential elements.

- (1) Content and Structure: Creativity of the speech and opinion and effectiveness of the structure of the speech.
- (2) Pronunciation and intonation: Whether words are pronounced clearly and correctly.
- (3) Presentation: How effectively he/she uses non-verbal language as a tool of communication.
- (4) Grammar: Proper and accurate use of grammars and expressions

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(5) Vocabulary: Points will be added for richness of vocabulary and expression.

Note:

- a. The participants are told to make a speech with using words and phrases that they have learned.
 Using translation software is strongly prohibited.
- b. Any kind of performance is prohibited which includes singing, dancing or playing musical instruments. 5 Points will be deducted if he/she is against this rule.
- c. Point deduction will apply if he/she exceeds the designated time, 1 point will be deducted per minute.
- d. If the candidates' scores are tie, the judging panel will consult their ranking. The final decision will be made by ambassador, the head of judging panel.
- e. 5 points will be deducted if he/she read script.
- f. Open category is consists of applicants and non-applicants of Language Program. The nominee for the program will be selected by means of speech, written exam, submitted documents and an interview.
- 8. Award : the first to third place in each category will be awarded with a certificate and an additional prize