

THE OMORI AWARD

The 5th Japanese language essay contest for the Japanese language learners around the globe

This contest develops upon the previous 25 contests organised by Mr & Ms Omori for international students, students in China, and Japanese language learners around the globe since 1989.

1. Theme :

1. My dream for the Japanese language and/or research: What do you want to do using the Japanese language?
2. What I want to say to the Japanese government, companies, and people: Advice, requests, expectations, wishes, etc.
 - Choose one of the topics.
 - 800 - 1,100 *ji* (excluding the title and name)
 - Recommended reading: *A country called Japan* https://www.nihonwosiru.jp/pdf_book/

2. Eligibility : Non-Japanese nationals studying or researching the Japanese language

3. Entry deadline : December 31 (Friday) 2021

4. How to enter :

- Send your essay as an attachment to oikawasensei@yahoo.co.jp
- Include your nationality, name, age, gender, name of your school/institution or occupation, and email address.
- An individual entry or a collective entry as a university and Japanese language schools will be accepted.

5. Prizes :

- First prize (2 people) Certificate and 300,000 yen
 - Second prize (5 people) Certificate and 100,000 yen
 - Third prize (20 people) Certificate and 30,000 yen
 - Effort prize (50 people) Certificate and 10,000 yen
- (The certificates will be a PDF sent by email to the winners)

6. Selection Process :

- 1st and 2nd selection process by Mr Koji Oikawa (Representative of JASLON and Japanese language teacher) and his team
 - A total of 77 essays (27 candidate essays for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd places, and the 50 effort awards will be selected.
- Placement of the 27 candidate essays by Mr Kazuo Omori (former journalist for the Asahi Shimbun) and Ms Hiroko Omori (chief-editor of the digital resource *A country called Japan*)

7. Outcome notification : May 2022 <http://www.nihonwosiru.jp/>

(The award presentation is undecided)

Organised by Mr Koji Oikawa (Representative of JASLON and Japanese language teacher) and his team, and assisted by Mr Kazuo Omori and Ms Hiroko Omori.

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