



Dear Teachers and Students of Chinese,

Please read the entire document carefully as that will save a lot of time of the organizer having to answer questions that have already been discussed here. Thank you!

We welcome students of all ages who are currently learning Chinese to participate in the 7th Annual Florida International Chinese Speech and Skit Contest to be held on Saturday March 15, 2014 from 10-4pm in SIPA 125 on FIU Maidique Campus (<http://campusmaps.fiu.edu>; <http://campusmaps.fiu.edu/mmc-map.pdf>)

The contest will have 5 levels (I-V). The appropriate level should be determined by checking the New Practical Chinese Reader Textbook(s) and as shown below. All videos of the text can be found on Youtube under "NPCR Lesson <insert the number>".

Level I – Lesson 1 through 8

Level II – Lesson 9 through 14

Level III – Lesson 15 through 19

Level IV – Lesson 20 through 24

Level V – Lesson 25 through 29

Contestants who have lived in China for more than one year are entered for a separate level – Level 6. Native and heritage speakers (including dialect speakers) are disqualified for this contest.

Contestants can enter for the "Individual Speech" category with a topic of personal choice, AND/OR the "Skit" category with other contestants. Teachers must NOT help the contestants with their speech/skit composition but are allowed to correct grammar mistakes and improve the overall flow of the script once it is finished.

The maximum number of contestants allowed in a skit is 3. Each member of the skit must register and pay for the registration fee separately. It is possible for one contestant to enter for both categories and no additional fee will be charged for entering a second category. However, such contestants must fill out two separate registration forms.

The length of speech for each level is as follows:

- Level I – 1 minute
- Level II – 1.5 minutes
- Level III – 2 minutes
- Level IV – 2.5 minutes
- Level V – 3 minutes
- Level 6 – 3 minutes

The length of skit for each level is as follows:

- Level I – 1.5 minutes
- Level II – 2 minutes
- Level III – 3 minutes
- Level IV – 4 minutes
- Level V – 5 minutes
- Level 6 – 5 minutes

Any presentations shorter than the required length of time for that level will cause loss of points. Any presentations beyond the required length of time for that level will be stopped by the time-keeper with no penalty assessed. A 10 second grace period will be given to any contestant who wishes to conclude the presentation after being stopped by the time-keeper.

The registration fee for the contest is \$25 (money order only). Please make money order payable to Florida International University. Only contestants who pre-register are eligible to compete.

The registration form and \$25 money order must be received by Professor Li Ma, FIU Maidique Campus DM 486C, Miami, FL 33199 by February 28, 2014. A copy of the speech and/or skit must be typed both in English and Chinese characters (Hanzi), and be submitted electronically to Professor Ma by March 7, 2014 to ensure proper placement. Please note that late registration as well as late speech/skit

copies will result in the invalidation of any award a contestant may receive.

On the day of the contest, please arrive on time. Contestants may bring notes or outlines with them. However, no script or notes will be allowed on stage. There will be 4 to 5 independent judges evaluating all the presentations based on grammar, fluency, pronunciation and delivery of the topic. Judges' decisions will be final.

There will be an award ceremony at the end of the contest. Winners will receive grand prizes and recognition. If a winner leaves before the award ceremony, he/she forfeits the prize but may still receive the certificate upon request. Two top winners at the college and middle school (either junior or senior) levels respectively will be sponsored by Miami Dade College Confucius Institute to compete in the Chinese Bridge Regional Competition on April 20, 2014 in Dallas, TX. The top winners of the regional competition will be sent to China for national competition. Details will be discussed with the top winners.

We are very excited about this event which has already become a tradition for the tri-county schools that offer Chinese programs. As always, we welcome family and friends of the contestants to join us and cheer everybody on. Refreshments will be served throughout the day and Chinese food will be served at lunchtime. Please help us make it successful by participating and spreading the word. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to your Chinese teacher. Professor Li Ma can also be reached at mali@fiu.edu or 305-348-6909. 谢谢!

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