



Dear Teachers and Students of Chinese,

Please read the entire document as that will save a lot of time of the organizer having to answer questions that have already been explained here. Some rules have changed since last year so please read carefully. Thank you!

We welcome students of all ages who are currently learning Chinese to participate in the 8th Annual Florida International Chinese Speech and Skit Contest to be held on Saturday March 21, 2015 from 10-4pm in SIPA125 on FIU Maidique Campus (<http://campusmaps.fiu.edu/mmc-map.pdf>)

The contest will have 6 levels (I-VI). The appropriate level should be determined by checking the New Practical Chinese Reader Textbook(s) and as shown below. All videos of the textbooks can be found on Youtube under “NPCR Lesson <insert the number>”.

- Level I – Lesson 1 to 9 (1st semester studying Chinese)
- Level II – Lesson 10 to 14 (2nd semester)
- Level III – Lesson 15 to 20 (3rd semester)
- Level IV – Lesson 21 to 26 (4th semester)
- Level V – Lesson 27 to 32 (5th semester)
- Lesson VI – Lesson 33 to 38 (6th semester)

Contestants who have lived in China for more than one year are entered for a separate level – Level 6. Contestants who speak and/or hear Chinese at home (including dialects) are entered under Heritage Speakers.

Contestants can enter for the “Individual Speech” category with a topic of personal choice, AND/OR the “Skit” category with or without other contestants. A speech must be the original work of any contestant. A skit can be either original work of the contestant(s) or recitation of published work. **Teachers must NOT help the contestants with their original speech and/or skit composition** but are allowed to correct grammar mistakes and improve the overall flow of the script once it is finished. Teachers may suggest recitation materials to the contestants for skit. Any contestant with a talent show (eg. singing, playing an instrument, martial arts, etc.) must enter for Skit at their appropriate level even if he/she is performing by him/herself.

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 VI – 3.5 minutes
- Level 6 – 3.5 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 VI – 6 minutes
- Level 6 – 6 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.

No contestant who forgets lines during his/her performance can be granted a second chance.

The number of contestants in each level that any school is allowed to send is 20.

The registration fee for the contest is \$25 and **non-refundable** (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 sent in mail or hand delivered and received by Professor Li Ma, FIU Maidique Campus DM 486C, Miami, FL 33199 by March 3, 2015. **No registration will be accepted via email and late registration will be rejected with absolutely no exception.**

A copy of the speech and/or skit must be typed both in English and Chinese characters (Hanzi) in a Word document, and be submitted electronically to

Professor Ma by March 7, 2015 to ensure proper placement. **Late submission will be rejected with absolutely no exception.**

On March 21, 2015, 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.

If a certain level has less than 4 contestants/skits, not all contestants/skits are automatically guaranteed to win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Each contestant must receive a minimum score agreed upon by the judges in order to receive recognition.

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. The top two 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 in Texas in April 2015. 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 fun 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!

FIU Asian Studies Program and Department of Modern Languages
Miami Dade College Confucius Institute
The Chinese Club at FIU
CLTA-FL



The 8th Annual Florida International Chinese Speech and Skit Contest (2015) Registration Form

Student Name: _____
Last, First

Panther ID (FIU students only): _____

School: _____

Teacher Name and Email:

Teacher Daytime Phone: _____

*Level (circle): I II III IV V VI 6 Heritage Speaker

Category (circle): Speech Skit

Title in English: _____

Title in Chinese: _____

You must turn in two separate registration forms if you are competing in both Speech and Skit.

Refer to the Letter to Teachers and Students for information on date, time, location, official rules, deadlines, etc.

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