



Please read the entire document as that will save a lot of time of the organizing committee having to answer questions that have already been explained here. Some rules have changed since last year so please read carefully. The registration form is at the end of the document. Thank you!

Invitation for the 10th Annual Florida International Chinese Speech & Skit Contest

Dear Teachers and Students of Chinese:

On behalf of the organization committee, I would like to cordially invite you and your students to participate in the 10th Annual Florida International Chinese Speech and Skit Contest, which will be held in CBC Special Events Center (<http://campusmaps.fiu.edu/index.html#/campus/MMC>) on the FIU Maidique Campus from 9:30am-4:00pm on Sunday April 2, 2017. Please mark this date on your calendar. In view that Professor Ma Li is on maternal leave, I will be the point of contact for this event. As usual, this annual event is co-organized by Asian Studies Program and Modern Languages Department of FIU, Confucius Institute at MDC, CLTA-FL and the Chinese Club at FIU. Students of all ages who are currently learning Chinese are encouraged to enter for the contest.

Contestants' Level

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 participated in the previous year should enter the contest at a higher level this year. 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.

Contest Category and Content

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.

The maximum number of contestants allowed in a skit is 3. No student is allowed to participate in two skits. The number of contestants in each category that any school is allowed to send is 20.

Students who want to show talent (eg. singing, playing an instrument, martial arts, etc.) are not officially competing in the contest but will each receive a participation certificate and a prize at the end.

Length of Speech and Skit

Contestant Level	Length of Speech (minute)	Length of Skit (minute)
I	1	1.5
II	1.5	2
III	2	3
IV	2.5	4
V	3	5
VI	3.5	6
6 *	3.5	6
Heritage Speaker	3.5	6

* Contestants who have lived in China for more than one year.

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 shall be granted a second chance.

Registration

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 Shenggao Wang, FIU Mardique Campus DM 488B, Miami, FL 33199 by March 12, 2017. **No registration will be accepted via email and late registration will be rejected with absolutely no exception.**

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

Speech/Skit Script

As usual, a script of the speech and/or skit both in English and Chinese characters (Hanzi) must be provided. A follow-up message will be sent out shortly on how and where to submit the written scripts of the speech and/or skit. The deadline to receive all scripts is Thursday March 23, 2017.

Late submission will be rejected with absolutely no exception and lead to disqualification in the contest.

Miscellaneous Information

On April 2 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.

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 or email me at wangsh@fiu.edu.

Looking forward to your participation!

Dr. Shenggao Wang on behalf of the Organization Committee
FIU Asian Studies Program and Department of Modern Languages
Confucius Institute at Miami Dade College
Chinese Language Teachers Association-FL
The Chinese Club at FIU



The 10th Annual Florida International Chinese Speech and Skit Contest (2017)

Registration Form

Student Name: _____
Last, First

Panther ID (FIU students only): _____

School: _____

Teacher's 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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