

Call for Entries for the 28th Japanese Essay Contest

Greetings to all technical intern trainees and trainees.

We will once again hold a Japanese Essay Contest this year. The details are below.

1. **Eligibility** All technical intern trainees and trainees who are residing in Japan during the application period are eligible to participate.
▼Each applicant may enter one essay only. The essay must be written by the applicant and must not have been published.
2. **Application period** April 1, 2020 – May 11, 2020 (entries must arrive by this date)
3. **Theme** Open theme (Write about anything you desire. There is no specific theme.)
4. **Language** Japanese
5. **Format** The main body of the essay may be up to three A4-size 400-character Japanese manuscript pages long (max. 1,200 characters).
▼Your essay must be an original copy handwritten by you. Essays typed using a word processor or PC, or photocopied essays will not be accepted.
▼Be sure to title your essay and write your name (in the margin of the manuscript paper).
▼You may write either vertically or horizontally.
▼You may use any writing utensil, but if you choose to use a pencil, **use a 2B grade or darker pencil**.
▼Japanese manuscript paper may be downloaded from the JITCO Japanese Teaching Materials Hiroba site (🌐 <http://hiroba.jitco.or.jp/>) on the JITCO website (🌐 <https://www.jitco.or.jp/>).
6. **How to apply** Complete the designated application form, attach it to your essay, and mail them to the following address.

<Mailing address>

Essay Contest Secretariat, Japan International Training
Cooperation Organization (JITCO)
Igarashi Building 11th Floor,
2-11-5 Shibaura, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0023

▼Please copy and use the entry form provided on page 37 of this newsletter.

The form may also be downloaded via JITCO's website, from the "JITCO Japanese Teaching Materials ひろば" page.

▼You may fill out the entry form by yourself, but be careful to fill in all fields.

▼Applications submitted by fax or email will not be accepted.

7. Prizes

First Prize (4 or so technical intern trainees and trainees)

... Letter of commendation and cash award (50,000 yen)

Second Prize (4 or so technical intern trainees and trainees)

... Letter of commendation and cash award (30,000 yen)

Third Prize (20 or so technical intern trainees and trainees)

... Letter of commendation and cash award (20,000 yen)

Honorable mention (20 or so technical intern trainees and trainees) ... Cash award (10,000 yen)

▼Prize-winning and honorable mention essays will be compiled into a booklet titled, "Collection of Award-winning Essays of the Japanese Essay Contest."

8. **Announcement of winners** Winners will be notified through their accepting organization, and their names will be posted on the JITCO website in late-August 2020.

9. Miscellaneous

(1) JITCO will not respond to any inquiries concerning the screening process.

(2) Entries that do not satisfy the application requirements will not be screened.

(3) Personal information that applicants provide on the application form will be used only within the scope necessary for JITCO to administer the contest.

(4) Submitted essays will not be returned.

(5) JITCO retains the copyright to all submitted essays.

10. Inquiries

Essay Contest Secretariat
Japan International Training Cooperation Organization (JITCO)

Phone: 03-4306-1184 / Fax: 03-4306-1119

(Note) Photocopied essays are not accepted. Please be sure to send in your original handwritten essay.

Applicants will receive a free copy of the booklet of prize-winning essays. The booklet will also contain a list of all applicants (names and affiliations) at the end.