



2012 B.C. “CHINESE BRIDGE” Mandarin Speech Contest

CONTEST PROCEDURE AND RULES

- 1. Length of speech:**
 - a. The contestant is given 3 minutes to deliver his speech.
 - b. A speech that goes overtime will receive a deduction in score.
- 2. Selection:**
 - a. For Categories with fewer than 6 contestants, 1-2 winners will be chosen (1 or 1-1).
 - b. For Categories with 7-15 contestants, 3 winners will be chosen (1-1-1).
 - c. For Categories with 16-20 contestants, 4 winners will be chosen (1-1-2).
 - d. For Categories with more than 21 contestants, 5 winners will be chosen (1-2-2).
- 3. Evaluation Criteria:**
 - a. The contestant’s speech is judged by criteria of pronunciation / intonation, grammar / diction, content and style of delivery.
- 4. Qualification:**
 - a. Heritage speakers and Native Cantonese speakers must provide birth certificates at registration before the contest.
 - b. Heritage speakers are defined as people who are born in regions other than mainland China, Taiwan and Singapore.
 - c. Native Cantonese speakers are defined as people who are born in Hong Kong or Guangdong Province of China.
 - d. If the first prize winner of the 2011 “Chinese Bridge” Mandarin Speech Contest signs up for the same category this year and wins again, then the competitor will be awarded a “Special Award” instead.
- 5. Order of Contest:**
 - a. The contestants will compete in alphabetical order by the first letter of their surnames (A-Z).
 - b. Each contestant’s name will be called a maximum of 3 times, if the contestant fails to report to the rostrum after the third time, he/she will forfeit his/her right to compete.
- 6. Special Observation:**
 - a. Contestants must speak about the designated topic.
 - b. The organizers reserve the right to terminate any irrelevant speech.