

2023 OCAC Global Mandarin Speaking Competition

【 General Terms and Conditions 】

- Article 1 Only those who meet the eligibility criteria are eligible to participate in this competition. Participants who do not meet the eligibility criteria and are found to have entered the competition will be disqualified and lose any awards.
- Article 2 Participants will be eligible to compete only after completing the online registration process as stipulated by the organizer.
- Article 3 The organizer is responsible for the formulation, revision, and explanation of the competition rules; the final ranking, awards, and incentives of the winners will be determined and announced by the organizer, and participants may not object.
- Article 4 During the competition period, participants must comply with the competition rules announced by the organizer and compete on the designated platform (Huayuworld.org).
- Article 5 Competition Steps:
- I. The competition will be conducted online through registration and online scoring. 2 sample texts are selected from "Let's Learn Chinese" or "Let's Learn Mandarin" by the organizer according to the level of each category. Participants will then complete 2 competition elements, "Shadowing" and "Sight Reading", by following and reading aloud the selected texts online.
 - II. Scoring: This competition adopts a ranking system based on individual scores. Participants can compete online an unlimited number of times during the event. After the competition deadline, the competition system will rank the participants based on their best score (calculated to the second decimal place). If multiple participants have the same total score and end up with the same ranking, they will be ranked based on their pronunciation, tone, fluency, and volume scores in order.

- Article 6 Participants must use their personal "Huayuworld.org" account and password to login and register for the competition. If a participant does not have a "Huayuworld.org" account and password, they can apply for one at the time of registration on the "Huayuworld.org" website.
- Article 7 Participants are not allowed to create multiple accounts or register for the competition multiple times using the same or different accounts. Violators will have their eligibility for the competition revoked.
- Article 8 Participants are not allowed to use account names that involve attacks, insults, allusions, or any content that violates social norms, national security, or government laws and regulations. The organizer has the right to remove such violation and cancel the participant's eligibility.
- Article 9 Once the competition has started, participants are not allowed to request to change their competition account, and those who violate this rule will be disqualified.
- Article 10 During the competition period, participants must use their personal account and password, which have been verified and approved through the online registration process, to participate in the competition. If a participant uses an account and password that has not completed the registration process, their participation will be canceled.
- Article 11 During the competition, participants can participate in the competition an unlimited number of times, but each participant must personally complete all the competition elements. There must be no substitution, distribution, or assignment of the competition content to others to complete the competition. Violators will be disqualified from participating.
- Article 12 After the competition, if a participant has competed in the

wrong category due to personal negligence, they cannot request the organizer to calculate their score and ranking in the correct category.

Article 13 Participants are strictly prohibited from any cheating behavior, such as impersonation and substitution. Violators will not have their competition results calculated, and both the substitute and the substituted person will permanently lose their eligibility to participate.

Article 14 The scoring criteria are set by the organizer, and the scoring tool is the "MyCT online scoring system" (ASAS© , Automatic Speech Analysis System, ROC Patent No. 189374). The organizer ranks the participants in order according to the scores recorded in the MyCT system database, and participants may not object to the results.

Article 15 The organizer has the right to verify the audio recordings of the participants, and if any cheating behavior is found, the participant's eligibility to participate will be canceled.

Article 16 The organizer reserves the right to make changes to the competition in necessary circumstances and retains the final interpretation of the competition.

Article 17 If a participant posts information that involves attacking, insulting, insinuating, or other content that violates social decency, national security, or government laws and regulations, the organizer has the right to directly remove such content.

Article 18 Any participant who tries to hack or attack the competition server, alter any related competition data, spread viruses, or cause any incidents that affect the competition and server operations will be reported to law enforcement for further investigation.