

The Consortium of Universities in Osaka
Student English Presentation Contest 2020 Application Guidelines

1. Event outline

[Date & time] December 6, 2020 (Sun) 10:00 -17:00

[Venue] Osaka Science and Technology Center (1-8-4 Utsubo-honmachi, Nishi-ku, Osaka City)

*Details of the event are subject to change depending on the COVID-19 situation.

2. Application criteria

Individuals or teams composed of two to five undergraduate, or international students of member universities of the Consortium of Universities in Osaka.

*Any team composition is acceptable, including mixed teams with members from different universities, seminars, or clubs.

3. Presentation topic

Choose either of the following topics:

Topic 1:

What can students do to achieve the objectives of the Osaka Declaration toward Zero Plastic Waste?

Aiming to be a leading city in SDG achievement, the Osaka Prefecture has been developing measures to recycle plastic and reduce pollution from plastic waste. For this initiative to expand independently, there must be a change in the mindsets of municipalities, businesses, prefectural residents. Please present a proposal for an activity or program that students can implement to promote the achievement of this goal.



Topic 2:

A proposal for the realization of the Osaka model smart city project.

The Osaka Prefecture aims to become a model smart city and resolve various social issues such as demographic changes, urban infrastructure reconstruction, “new town” developments, and meteorological disasters. Please present a proposal for how the Osaka Prefecture can achieve its vision of a “sustainable city” using advanced technologies.



4. Presentation format

- The duration of the presentation is 20 minutes (15 min for the presentation, 5 min for Q&A).
- The presentation must completely be in English (including the materials).
- Please use mainstream presentation software (e.g., PowerPoint).
- The use of costumes and props is permitted.
- If presenting as a team, all team members must speak.
- The content of the presentation must have been created by the applicant(s).

5. Judging criteria

Presentations can be awarded with up to 100 points and will be judged as follows:

Content	Was the content consistent with the topic? Was it original and persuasive in its logical development?	30 pts.
Verbal Presentation	Did the presenter communicate to the audience (i.e., language, expressions, and volume of voice used) in a straightforward manner?	15 pts.
Impact	Was the presentation convincing to the audience?	15 pts.
Visual Presentation	Were the slides well designed and easy to understand?	25 pts.
Q&A: Effective Response	Were clear responses provided for each question?	15 pts.

6. Awards
Awards will be given to the first- through third-place winners, as well as to the winners of the judge's special awards.

7. Participation fee
None (free)

8. How to apply
Please apply using the following application form:
<https://forms.gle/fovaBXCXvHiaj35o7>
[Deadline] September 25, 2020 (Fri) 17:00



9. Document submission
Please convert the PowerPoint (i.e., .pptx files) presentations into a PDF format (1 page per slide) and send it in advance to The Consortium of Universities in Osaka Office (International Exchange Division) with the following address:

[Deadline] October 30, 2020 (Fri) 17:00

[Send to] global@consortium-osaka.gr.jp

10. Preliminary screening
A preliminary screening may be held depending on the number of applications. The screening will be conducted based on the application form. Applications that significantly deviate from the topic or are deemed unsuitable for the purpose of the contest may be disqualified .

11. Timeline

Date & time	Content
September 25, 2020 (Fri) 17:00	Application deadline
~October 9, 2020 (Fri)	Announcement of results
October 30, 2020 (Fri) 17:00	PowerPoint materials submission deadline
December 6, 2020 (Sun) 10:00	Commencement of presentation contest

12. Disclosure of personal information and use of publicity rights
Please note that the following information will be published on the Consortium of Universities in Osaka official website and included in reports, etc.

[Personal information to be posted]

- Participant's full name, affiliated university/department/year, the nationality of international students, photos of the presentation contest, handout materials, and presentation score.

13. For inquiries, please contact:

The Consortium of Universities in Osaka Office (International Exchange Division)

Tel: 06-6344-9560 (Weekdays 09:30-17:30)

Email: global@consortium-osaka.gr.jp

Purpose of the contest:

The advancement of globalization prompts the urgent need to develop "global human resources," which are accepting of diverse cultures and values and can think and act independently to build a better international society.

In order to foster the development of young adults with a high level of international awareness and communication skills, the Consortium of Universities in Osaka will be holding a student presentation contest in English on the topic of SDGs. Through this endeavor, the participating students will be able to develop an international awareness as they learn from each other and deepen ties across universities, departments, years, and nationalities.