**Program of the 15th "Chinese Bridge" - Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students in Slovakia**

**I. Background of the project**

The "Chinese Bridge" is an international Chinese Proficiency Competition organized by the Center for Language Education and Cooperation to stimulate young students from all over the world to learn Chinese and to improve their understanding of the Chinese language and culture. This year, the Confucius Institute at Comenius University in Slovakia will host the preliminaries of the 21st "Chinese Bridge" in Slovakia. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, the preliminaries will be held in the form of an online competition. The details of competition are as follows.

**II. Organizers**

Hosted by: Center for Language Education and Cooperation

Organized by: Embassy of China in Slovakia, Confucius Institute at Comenius University in Slovakia

**III. Theme**

Fly high with Chinese

**IV. Date of the competition**

31 May 2022 8:30-14:00

**V. Entrants**

In principle, foreign secondary school students aged between 14 and 20 years old, non-Chinese nationality, growing up abroad and whose mother tongue and that of their parents is not Chinese may join the competition. Previous global finalists should not participate in the competition for two consecutive years.

**VI. Platform**

ZOOM

**VII. Competition Content**

1. Preliminary competition
2. Pre-recorded keynote speech, 1-2 minutes.
3. Talent performance video, 1-4 minutes.
4. Final round
5. Quiz on Chinese language and culture, 30 points (3 points \* 10 questions), 5 minutes per person.

The contestant draws a question during the live online competition, the moderator then reads it out and the contestant will answer it instantly.

There will be 5 rounds of competition, each round will have a different module of 2 questions to answer.

1. Keynote speech, 30 points, no more than 5 minutes per person.

The contestants will be connected directly with the judges through Tencent Conference and will deliver their keynote speeches.

1. Questions and answers on subjective questions, 20 points, with a time limit of 3 minutes.

After the presentation, the judges will ask the contestants questions based on the content of the presentation and the contestants will answer them immediately.

1. Talent show, 20 points, 1-4 minutes.

The contestants may choose to perform Chinese songs and dances, traditional musical instruments, opera, calligraphy, painting and martial arts related to Chinese culture, etc. The video will be recorded in advance and sent to the competition email address for live broadcast during the live competition for scoring by the judges.

1. Criteria
2. Chinese Language and Culture Knowledge Test (30 points).

The questions are single-choice questions and the contestants will draw lots to decide the questions. Each person will answer 10 single-choice questions and each question will carry 3 points.

★for the exam question lists please find in the following link.

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1. Chinese Speech and Question & Answer (50 points).

Speech content: 10 points. The speech content closely follows the theme of the competition, with positive thoughts and true feelings.

Language Accuracy: 10 points. Language specification, clear diction and standard Mandarin.

Language fluency: 10 points. Fluent and passionate.

Question Answering: 20 points. Clear thinking logic, strain and comprehensive quality assessment.

1. Talent show (20 points).

Performance content: 10 points. The show has a clear theme and outstanding intention.

Professional skills: 5 points.

Points for a moving and touching performance: 5 points.

1. Entry video requirements.

Horizontal screen, resolution 1280\*720, MP4 format, size within 100MB, duration within 4 minutes, please do not exceed the time limit.

**VIII. Registration for the competition**

1. Application period: From now until 10 May.
2. Registration methods.
3. Fill in the application form online at:

[https://forms.office.com/r/pePEmA5kf0]("https://forms.office.com/r/pePEmA5kf0)

If you are unable to register online, please fill in the attached Registration Form and send it to the competition email address.

1. Send your entries: Submit two preliminary videos (keynote speech video and talent show video) to the competition email address before 17 May.

**IX. specific schedule of the competition**

1. On 10 May, registration closes.
2. By 17 May, submit a video of the keynote speech and a video of the talent show for preliminary review. The video should be submitted to [skchinesebridge2022@gmail.com](mailto:skchinesebridge2022@gmail.com).

Submission subject format: Name + school abbreviation e.g. Zhang San + TM.

1. On 20 May, the judge will conduct a preliminary review and confirm the finalists for the preliminaries. The number of finalists will be 10-15.
2. 31 May, Preliminary round.

8:30-8:50 Equipment commissioning, drawing of lots.

9:00-10:00 Chinese language and culture knowledge test.

10:00-11:00 Chinese speech and question answer.

11:00-12:30 Talent video competition.

13:30 Results announcement, prize presentation.

**X. Competition Awards and Prizes**

1. There will be one first place prize, one second place prize, one third place prize and three merit prizes in the preliminary round.
2. Prizes and commemorative certificates will be presented to the winners.
3. One of the best contestants will be recommended to represent the Slovak division in the semi-finals and finals in August.

**XI. Contacts**

1. Please send your entry information to: [skchinesebridge2022@gmail.com,](mailto:skchinesebridge2022@gmail.com,) the deadline for contestants to register is 10 May 2022.
2. For more information about the competition, please visit the official website of Chinese Bridge <http://bridge.chinese.cn/c20/> or visit the website of Center for Language Education and Cooperation [http://www.chinese.cn/page/#/pcpage/mainpage](http://www.chinese.cn/page/" \l "/pcpage/mainpage).
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