

2023 FutureTalk Challenge for Taiwan High School Students- Announcement & General Rules

全國高中生英語口說比賽-簡章

一、活動目的 Objectives

臺美交流在過去 40 年持續發展，透過美國在台協會，雙方不論在經濟、貿易、教育、文化等各方面持續強化交流與合作關係。

國立中山大學於 1999 年與美國在台協會合作，設立臺灣唯一一個中山美國中心，其任務為增加南臺灣地區與美國的瞭解及互動。成立以來透過多方面合作進行交流，包含大型演講、文化活動、研討會、展覽及留美講座，讓學生與社會大眾更佳瞭解美國文化、商業、教育及價值觀等。

本校自 2013 年起與美國在台協會合作辦理英語演講比賽，推動雙方文化交流並提升本地學生英語能力。2023 年希望透過新的形式鼓勵學生活用英語、訓練表達能力與台風，訂定之主題也期許學生展現創新思維，以持續推動臺美雙方交流及永續發展。

The mutual exchange between Taiwan and the United States has developed continuously over the past 40 years. Through the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), both countries have cooperated in various aspects such as economy, trade, education, and culture.

In 1999, National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) and AIT collaborated to establish the only American Center in Taiwan. Its mission is to enhance the mutual understanding between southern Taiwan and the United States. Since its inception, the Sun Yat-sen America Center (SYSAC) has provided students and the general public opportunities to learn about American culture, business, education, and values through activities such as speeches, cultural events, seminars, and exhibitions.

Since 2013, NSYSU and AIT have been hosting English speech contests annually for the enhancement and improvement of students' English oral proficiency and, at the same time, facilitating cultural exchanges between Taiwan and the U.S. This year, the competition will be in English presentation for students to express their ideas about the Future, hence, FutureTalk. Students are expected to express their innovative ideas on the themes as part of the interaction and sustainable development between Taiwan and the United States.

二、主辦單位 Organizers

國立中山大學西灣學院全英語卓越教學中心、國際事務處/中山美國中心
美國在台協會高雄分處

Center for EMI Teaching Excellence, Si Wan College, NSYSU

Sun Yat-sen American Center, Office of International Affairs, NSYSU

American Institute in Taiwan Kaohsiung Branch Office

三、演講主題 Topic

主題 Topic: Youth, AI, and SDGs in U.S.-Taiwan Connections

本次比賽旨在鼓勵年輕世代對於聯合國 17 項永續發展目標 (SDGs) 提出運用人工智慧的創新解決方案。期許參賽者分享創新想法和解決方案，及如何增進臺美之間的聯繫，進而創造更美好的未來。

This Challenge aims to encourage contestants to present innovative AI-based solutions to address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Contestants are expected to share their ideas and solutions with respect to increasing the connections between Taiwan and the U.S. and to help shape a better future.



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四、參賽資格 Eligibility

全國高中生，個人組及團體組(2人1組)，由老師推薦每校名額(個人加團體組)最多10人。Public and private high school students in Taiwan can sign up for the competition in one of two categories: individual or a team of 2 students. The contestants must be recommended by the designated high school teachers, and each school can sign up for a maximum of 10 students, including both individual and team categories.

五、比賽方式 Procedures

1. **初賽**：參賽者於期限前完成線上報名，並針對主題及其中一項永續發展目標解決方案製作1分鐘影片並上傳。影片需一鏡到底、音量清晰，影片檔案類型以 WMV 和 MP4 為主，不得剪接，不需包含配樂、旁白或字幕。
主辦單位聘請專家擔任評審進行評選，評分標準包含語言表達能力、演講內容及台風。錄取名額：個人組/團體組各15人/組。
2. **工作坊**：通過初賽者需參加由美國在台協會高雄分處邀請專家主持的工作坊。工作坊主題為提升英語口說技巧，並透過互動活動及小組討論提升參賽者的口說表達能力及台風等。當天活動結束時，每位參賽者由17項永續發展目標中抽出一項為決賽題目，題目如與初賽相同則重新抽題。
3. **決賽**：通過初賽及參加工作坊之參賽者至現場參加比賽。個人組及團體組分別進行，每位參賽者皆須上台報告，每一組報告時間為5分鐘口說及2分鐘評審問答。比賽得使用簡報進行輔助，檔案類型以 Powerpoint 與 Canva 為主，不得攜帶講稿、筆記等輔助資料上台。

1. Preliminary: The contestant completes an online application and submits a one-minute video on an innovative AI-based solution addressing one of the Sustainable Development Goals before the deadline. The video must be recorded in one shot with clear audio quality, WMV and mp4 video formats are preferred; any form of post-production such as editing, background music, narration, or subtitles are not allowed.

The organizers will invite experts to form a panel of judges and to review the entries.

The criteria include (1) English language skills, (2) the content of presentation, and (3) composure. A maximum of 15 individuals/teams will be selected from each category.

2. Workshop: The AIT Kaohsiung will invite experts to host a workshop on improving public speaking skills. The program will include interactive activities and group discussions to enhance contestants' oral expression ability and composure. At the end of the workshop, each contestant will draw one topic from the 17 Sustainable Development Goals as the topic for his/her final. The contestant will draw a new topic if the topic is the same as the preliminary round.

3.Final Competition: Contestants who pass the Preliminary and complete the workshop will participate in the final in-person competition. Individual and team competitions will be held separately. All contestants are required to present, and each presentation is limited to 5 minutes, followed by 2 minutes for Q&A. Slide presentations are allowed, and PowerPoint and Canva file types are preferred. Talking points, notes, or scripts are prohibited.

六、重要日期 Important Dates

報名及影片上傳截止日期：2023 年 10 月 11 日（三）下午 5 時。

工作坊：2023 年 11 月 4 日（六）上午 10 時 00 分 至下午 3 時 30 分。

決賽：2023 年 11 月 17 日（五）上午 9 時 30 分至下午 4 時 30 分。

Sign-up and Submission Deadline: 5:00pm, Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Workshop: 10:00am – 3:30pm, Saturday, November 4, 2023

Final Competition: 9:30am – 4:30pm, Friday, November 17, 2023

七、獎勵 Awards

完成工作坊之參賽者可獲中山大學/美國在台協會證書 1 張與紀念品 1 份，證書於決賽當日發放。

參加決賽之參賽者由評審團選出各組冠軍、亞軍、季軍各 1 名，優選、佳作各 2 名：

冠軍-個人組/團體組頒發新臺幣\$4000 等值獎品及獎狀。

亞軍-個人組/團體組頒發新臺幣\$3000 等值獎品及獎狀。

季軍-個人組/團體組頒發新臺幣\$2000 等值獎品及獎狀。

優選-個人組/團體組頒發新臺幣\$1000 等值獎品及獎狀。

佳作-個人組/團體組頒發新臺幣\$500 等值獎品及獎狀。

Each contestant who completes the workshop will receive a certificate of participation and a souvenir on the date of the final competition.

The panel of judges will select from the final round three top winners, two excellence winners, and two outstanding winners:

First Place: Each contestant/team receives a prize worth NTD 4,000 and a certificate(s).

Second Place: Each contestant/team receives a prize worth NTD 3,000 and a certificate(s).

Third Place: Each contestant/team receives a prize worth NTD 2,000 and a certificate(s).

Excellence Award: Each contestant/team receives a prize worth NTD 1,000 and a certificate(s).

Outstanding Award: Each contestant/team receives a prize worth NTD 500 and a certificate(s).

八、聯絡方式 Contact information

活動最新資訊、公告或詢問相關事宜，請至中山美國中心網頁 <https://sysac-oia.nsysu.edu.tw>。

Please refer to the Sun Yat-sen America Center (SYSAC) website <https://sysac-oia.nsysu.edu.tw> for competition information, announcements, or inquiries.

九、注意事項 Precautions

1. 參賽者完成報名及上傳影片後，即同意主辦單位使用影片內容進行宣傳及報導。影片由主辦單位留存。
 2. 參賽者若不參加工作坊或退出比賽，請推薦老師於 **2023 年 10 月 31 日 (二) 下午 5 時前** 寄送電子郵件告知。
 3. 本辦法如有未盡事宜或爭議之處，主辦單位保留解釋、修改與變動之權利。
1. After the contestant completes the application and submits the video for the preliminary round, the contestant has authorized the Organizer to use the content of the video for promotion and publicity. The video will be kept on record by the Organizer.
 2. If the contestant withdraws from the workshop or the competition, the designated high school teacher shall notify the Organizer by email **before 5pm., Tuesday, October 31, 2023.**
 3. The Organizer reserves the right to modify any terms and conditions regarding the competition.