



# 全美中小學中文教師協會

Chinese Language Association  
of Secondary-Elementary Schools

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## "地球村"青少年双语演讲大赛美国赛区 "Global Village" Children & Youths Bilingual Speech Contest in the United States

### Invitation for Participation

**Dates:** August 3-7, 2016

**Location:** JM School, Los Angeles, California

**Registration Deadline:** May 27, 2016

**Organized by:** The Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools (CLASS 全美中小學中文教師協會)

**Sponsored by:** The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC 中国人民对外友好协会)

The objectives of the contest aim at promoting better understanding and appreciation of the language and culture of each other among student participants from China and the United States in light of *The One Million Strong Initiative*.

#### Registration and Rules

1. The contest will pair selected students into teams, i.e. each team has one student chosen by CLASS from a US school and one from a school in China. Students from the US schools use Chinese while students from China use English in the contest.
2. In order to encourage better cultural interaction between student-participants from both countries within a team, only **non-native** Chinese speakers/students are invited to take part in the contest as the US participants.
3. Topic of preliminary stage of the speech competition is **"An Interesting Happening (一件有趣的事情)"**.

#### Requirements:

- a. speech is written based on the topic "An interesting happening";
  - b. speech should be original and be in Mandarin Chinese;
  - c. the length of the speech is between one to three minutes.
4. Each school may enter up to two students for the contest. Individual schools should decide how their participants are selected (e.g. holding a preliminary school-wide speech contest).
  5. Heritage students already speaking Mandarin before taking Chinese in school are not eligible.
  6. Based on the results of the preliminary screening and selection from all entries, qualified finalists will be invited to Los Angeles, California, to compete on-site. All travel expenses from home to Los Angeles are participants' own responsibilities. Expenses during the competition while in Los Angeles are all covered by the organizer. The invitation notice will be sent out on June 3, 2016.
  7. The contest is for high school and middle school students only. There will be 2 categories. Within each category (listed in item #8), contestants compete for the opportunity to win a scholarship to go to China and study for one

month in selected schools and/or universities in China. Specific time for the study will be decided between the winner and the organizer.

8. Categories:

Group A: for high school students

Group B: for middle school students.

9. Schedule of the event

DATE	EVENT	ACTION BY
5/27/2016 (Friday)	Registration deadline	Participants and teachers of respective schools
6/3/2016 (Friday)	Notice of acceptance	Organizer
8/3/2016 (Wednesday)	Arrival and pairing up (more details are to be announced)	Participants
8/4/2016 (Thursday)	School Activities	Trainers and participants
8/5/2016 (Friday)	Forming Team & Ice-Breaking	Trainers & participants
8/6/2016 (Saturday)	Final Contest & Prize-Presentation Ceremony	Participants, Teachers & Judges
8/7/2016 (Sunday)	Departure	participants

10. To be entered into a screening for the final contest, each participant should submit the following materials:

- 1) two completed Registration Forms (in Chinese and English)
- 2) the recorded speech (1 - 3 minutes)  
The recording of the speech should be in MP3 format with participant's name as the file name.
- 3) the script of the speech in WORD or PDF format.

11. Registration (use attached Registration Forms in Chinese and English) begins on April 30, 2016, and ends on May 27, 2016. The Application Forms must include a student photo (2 inch x 2 inch /color), a student signature, recommending teacher's signature, as well as a parent or guardian's signature.

12. Please submit all registration materials to the email address listed below by May 27, 2016.

[USWestSpeechContest16@gmail.com](mailto:USWestSpeechContest16@gmail.com)

13. We wish to invite you to select student representatives of your school to participate in this event. As this the first time of its kind in the US, we would also like to hear from you about your suggestions regarding the process of this event.

For more information, or if you have questions, please refer to <http://www.classk12.org/> or email to Ms. Ying Jin at [USWestSpeechContest16@gmail.com](mailto:USWestSpeechContest16@gmail.com).

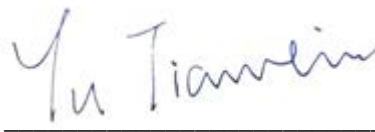
Thank you for your support and active participation!

Sincerely,



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President of CLASS



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Chairperson of Organizing Committee  
Representative of CPAFFC