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MANUAL FOR

Training Students for English/French/Chinese/Japanese Speech Contests

Introduction

This document serves as a comprehensive guide for trainers by providing strategies and frameworks to manage knowledge and resources effectively during the training process. This manual is suitable for any unit with an aim to train students to achieve excellence or awards in competitions.

Objectives

The primary objective of this manual is to enrich student trainings for contest success by ensuring that they are well-versed in contest-specific requirements. This includes:

- 1. How to train students in terms of speech delivery, adherence to time limits, and effective handling of audience questions.
- 2. How to equip students with the ability to articulate ideas clearly and confidently in English, focusing on fluency, pronunciation, and vocabulary.
- 3. How to train students to present cultural and historical content in a manner that is both engaging and informative.
- 4. How to boost creativity and engagement by using storytelling, humor, and rhetorical devices to captivate their audience.

This manual is suitable for:

1. Department Student Competition Committee (DSCC) of English for International Business (EIB)/French for International Business (FIB)/Chinese for International Business (CIB)/Japanese for International Business (JIB)

2. Student Competition Committee for any other Schools

Student Training for Contest Success

The training consists of 5 steps:

Step 1: Select competitions related to Arts core competencies (Language mastery, business-oriented communicator)

Selection of the competition is

- based on the skills required such as business writing, presentations, negotiation, and cross-cultural communication)
- based on the required languages namely English, French, Chinese and Japanese
- based on the age, educational background and nationality (as specified by the organizer)
- based on the format of the competition e.g. presentations, debates, role-playing

Step 2: Selecting Trainers and Scouting Students

2.1 Selecting Trainers

- Trainers possess a high level of proficiency in English, particularly in spoken communication. They must also have a solid understanding of cultural and historical content relevant to the competition, enabling them to guide students in presenting accurate and engaging information.
- Trainers have experience in public speaking or coaching for similar competitions is essential, as it provides trainers with the practical insight needed to mentor participants effectively.
- Trainers who are patient and has empathy as they have to work patiently with students of varying abilities and understand their individual needs and challenges.

These lecturers are responsible for mentoring the selected students, offering their expertise to ensure high-quality preparation. At least two trainers will help mentor one student/one team.

**In the competition where more specific expertise is needed, collaboration with an instructor who teaches the concerned subjects related to the theme(s) of the competition would check and refine the content of the speeches.

2.2 Scouting Students

Scouting potential participants involves identifying students who have both a passion for public speaking and an interest in cultural storytelling. Selection begins with an open call to attract a wide pool of candidates and students are asked to demonstrate their public speaking abilities during auditions or interviews. This initial performance helps trainers assess their communication skills in English, including fluency, pronunciation, and engagement with the audience.

Many students are scouted during this phase, but only those who exhibit a combination of strong English communication skills, a keen interest in cultural and historical topics, and a

commitment to the rigorous training schedule are selected. This thorough process ensures that the chosen participants have the potential to excel in the competition and benefit from the structured training provided.

The trainers must communicate clearly to all selected students. This includes:

- Provide detailed guidelines and instructions for each stage.
- Promote the competition to attract a diverse range of students. Explain the evaluation criteria and weighting of language and business skills.

Step 3: Training Approach

3.1 Speech Content Development

Students should be guided to:

- Research Thoroughly: Encourage deep dives into the history, cultural significance, and unique aspects of the sites or traditions they will discuss. This depends on the theme and nature of the competition.
- Organize Logically: Teach students to structure their speeches with a clear introduction, a well-developed body, and a memorable conclusion.
- Incorporate Storytelling: Use anecdotes, myths, or interesting facts to make the presentation engaging.

3.2 Delivery Techniques

Trainers should emphasize:

- 1. Clarity and Pronunciation: Ensure students enunciate words clearly and practice proper pronunciation of names and terms specific to their topic.
- 2. Engagement through Voice and Body Language: Teach the importance of tone, pacing, and gestures to maintain audience interest.
- 3. Adaptability: Help students manage unexpected questions or challenges during their presentations with poise.

3.3 Handling Q&A

Students should be trained to:

- Listen carefully to questions and clarify if needed.
- Answer thoughtfully, using concise language and relevant details.
- Remain composed and confident, even under pressure.

Step 4: Practice and Feedback

Regular practice sessions are essential in preparing students for the competitions. Weekly practice sessions should be scheduled to simulate the contest environment, providing students with opportunities to refine their skills under realistic conditions. These rehearsals should

include activities with time constraints to help students develop fluency and confidence in delivering their speeches within the allocated timeframe.

Trainer evaluations play a pivotal role in the feedback process. Trainers should provide detailed critiques of each performance, focusing on the accuracy and depth of the cultural content presented and the effective use of English language skills. This targeted feedback allows students to identify areas for improvement and work on enhancing their strengths. Additionally, self-review is an important aspect of the learning process. Students should be encouraged to record their performances and evaluate their progress using structured checklists, enabling them to take ownership of their development.

Step 5: Action Plan

Week-by-Week Training Schedule for English Tour Guiding Competitions

Week	Focus Area	Activities
1	Orientation and Goal Setting	Introduction to the competition and its requirements
2	Research and Content Development	Gathering information on chosen topics, drafting outlines
3-4	Speechwriting and Editing	Developing and refining speech drafts
5-6	Delivery Practice	Practicing pronunciation, gestures, and pacing
7	Mock Contest	Simulating contest scenarios with Q&A practice
8	Final Preparations	Polishing content, fine-tuning delivery

Manual Assessment Indicators:

1. Number of students' achievement is increased.

2. Percentage of students' engagement in students' competitions is increased.

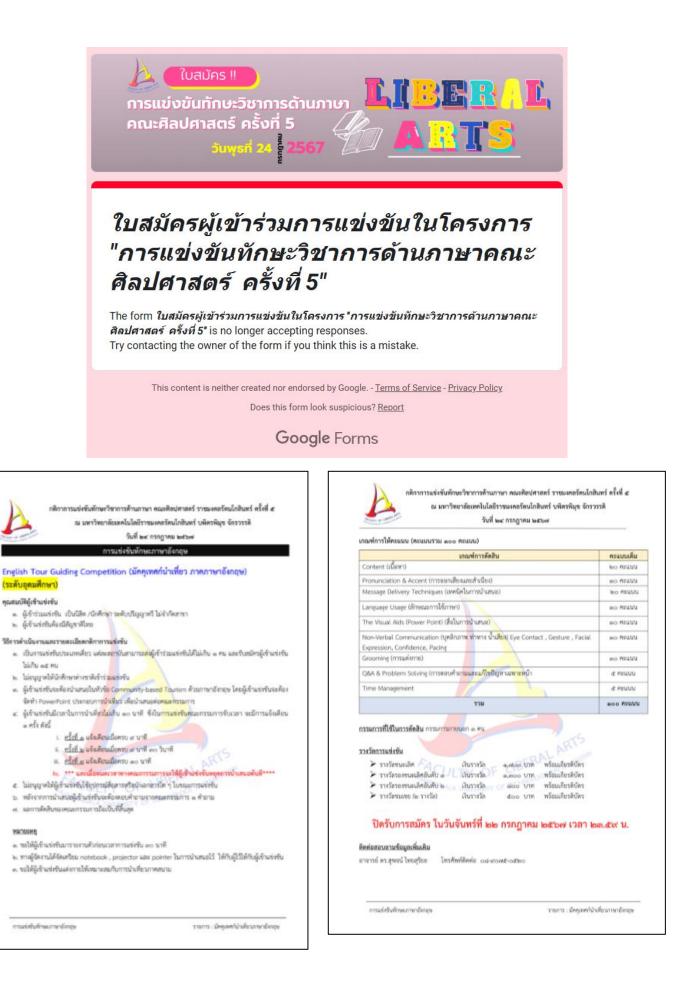
A Case Study of English Tour Guiding Competition

This manual is developed with a focus on how to prepare students for successful language competitions by using the English tour guiding competition, organized by the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin on July 24, 2024. This competition was a unique subset of speech contests that combines public speaking with cultural presentation.

Appendices

- 1. Competition Poster
- 2. Application Form via Google Form
- 3. Details of the Contest: Qualification Requirements, Competition Process, Scoring Rubric, and Prizes
- 4. Student Content Script
- 5. Photo of Winning Student





Welcoming tourists:

atăaêriz, Nii-tao, Bonjour, and Good morning, everyone! Welcome aboard the bus. My name is Prawpamnaraiy, and I'll be your tour guide today. How is everyone doing? I hope you all are comfortable in your seats. Is the air conditioning on the bus cold? It's pretty hot outside so I asked the bus driver to turn the temperature all the way down. "nods okay" Okay it's all good? Great. The bus ride will take about 30 more minutes so while we wait, I'd like to fill you in on what we'll be doing today. We are visiting the charming exiting use community at an saunasaus in taug's province. It is a welcoming community that still preserves occonut cultivation in the eastern region. This community also has various sorts of fun, creative, and sustainable activities. Let's explore and enjoy everything this unique place has to offer together! But before we arrive at our first location, I'd like to remind you that we are in a small community with a rich culture. Please be mindful and respectful of traditions and local customs. The people of exiting tau are extremely friendly and hospitable, but they are locals that aren't fluent in English so call for me if you need any translation. I can promise you that you'll not only have incredible fun, but you'll also gain a rich understanding of a different culture and the current way of life for the locals through the activities I have planned. (About 1min15secs)

Describe the location:

Now let me get into what we are doing today. We will first make some good merits at a temple called <u>Sectionation</u>. It is stunning like all other temples in Thailand, and you are more than welcome to take photos of the place. If you are not a buddhist, you are still welcome here, don't wory. But if you'd like to pray however, you can join me as we walk inside. After we are done making good merits and exploring the gorgeous temple, we will head into the village for some creative activities. We are going to be making paper out lantems!! They are so intricate and beautiful, perfect for those little decorative souvenirs for when you get back home. They are not complicated to make at all, but I suggest you pay attention to the instructor as their English may not be their strong suit. Aside from paper-out lanterm making, you'll have the opportunity to decorate your own cloth bags with flowers! Sounds cool right? You can personalize your cloth bags, which gives it that sense of value to the souvenir since you made it yourse!f. A fantastic and budget-friendly way to have your very own unique and cute accessory. Plus, purchasing these cloth bags supports the local community which provides them with a valuable source of income.

Now I know what you're thinking, I heard one passenger talking about this earlier, "what will we have for lunch?" I can only say that I hope you like chicken and coconut, and that you brought some cooking skills because we are going to the community kitchen to make a local dish called unalinear which is a dish that has a unique texture and taste. Sweet and salty, and a little spicy. This dish is a local treasure as it requires coconut shells to be complete. You're probably wondering, wait aren't coconut shells inedible, how do you eat this dish? Well actually, the locals have found a way.

Let me tell you a little short story. This area is obviously filled with coconut trees. Back in the olden days, every house in the neighborhood had coconut trees and sometimes the coconuts fell prematurely. The locals thought that it would be a waste to just throw away these young fruits. They're premature so the coconut water isn't so sweet and there's not enough coconut meat to eat. So, the locals thought, why not grate some parts of the shell and try eating. it? So they did, and it was delicious. Here's how they cook the shells and integrate it into the dish. First, the locals cook the shells in boiled water to soften it up, and they add it to the stir fried chicken along with some coconut water to sweeten the dish a little. So that's what we'll do too.

After we're done cooking, we will eat the coconut chicken dish that we have made. And don't worry, I'm sure you can reduce the spice level if needed. After lunch, comes dessert, right? We will head on over to u'nuilnaya or Aunt aya's house to make wawau which is basically a traditional Thai dessert made from rice flour, palm sugar, and coconut milk. The ingredients are mixed together and then fried until orispy. It has a pretty sweet and fragmant flavor from the coconut milk and palm sugar, and it is quite lovely to snack on. You can eat them, or take them home for souvenirs to snack on later, it's completely up to you.

Then we will continue to get creative. We will make tie-dye shirts from... wait for it. coconuts! Yet again! The locals have found such creative ways to deal with these occonuts and not let them go to waste. Props to them!! Now how does one make tie-dye shirts from coconuts you may ask. Well, the locals first cut coconut shells into smaller chunks. Then they boil water and soak these shells to extract them into brown dye which we will then use to dye clothes. This dye differs season to season, ranging from a lighter to a darker shade of brown throughout the year. However, they are naturally and sustainably made, so you can be proud every time you wear your coconut-dyed shirts. Before we leave, we'll make a quick stop at another temple called <u>maximum</u>. It is a majestic temple that we can go to to make some more good merits, like donating to the temple before we get back on the bus and head back to Bangkok. (4min40sec)

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Introducing special events and offers:

If you wanna try a more hands on type or heart pounding type of activity. I have the perfect activity to recommend. There is a bike trail event that starts at 9AM every Saturday and Sunday. The trail starts at an while a failer, the coconut farm. The trail guide will take you through the coconut farm and you'll get a deep tour on the coconut cultivation, the history, and the way of life for these locals. You can get there a little early and have coconut coffee (yes that does exist) and other coconut infused dishes or soft breakfast while you wait for the trail to start. Once you're off, the first stop is at the coconut tree field. You'll get to learn about the basics of coconut processing. The second stop is at <u>unulfield</u> or Aunt thu's house. There will be interesting stories and some history on the coconut farm. And at Mr.Lek's farm, there's the century old tamarind and the forest of birds or <u>ununtfield</u>. The third stop is such a highlight because the bike trail will take a pause at <u>unufact</u> no event to the point such a bighlight because the bike trail and the and some history on the reauch or satural house, house with 100 pillars. This house is quite famous and earned its name for having over 100 pillars. You can take a tour inside and hear the

stories about this extravagant twin house. The fourth stop of this bike trail is at ນ້ານສ່ວນນີ້ກລາໂຮນ ກະແທວວ where you'll learn how to make cold pressed coconut oil, along with the health benefits and even how to use it for beauty purposes. After that, the trail will lead back to ສວນທີ່ກໍໄສ-ໂລໂຄະ. This trail lasts about 3 hours and will end back where you started so don't worry about getting lost. From there, you can ask for recommendations on where to eat for lunch because the locals have a must-try restaurant they all agree on. This bike trail is such a cool and fun way to travel around, go sightseeing, and exercise all in one while not even contributing to a large carbon footprint!! Another exciting event of this community that I must tell you about is the Thai dance of the youth group. The show is free and people standing by are more than welcome to join the show. It is a **anak folk performance** and it is such an enchanting show with singing and dancing for a captivating experience to immerse yourself in Thai culture. (2min40-45sec)

Offering advice:

Now just a quick reminder: if you're planning to buy anything here like food, snacks, souvenirs, or beverages, please note that the local vendors don't accept foreign currencies since we are in Thailand. And as this is a local community. I doubt they'll accept credit cards. However, they do accept this thing called PromptPay, which is a scan payment that Thai people love using. Of course, cash is accepted and if you need to exchange your foreign currency for Thai baht, I can assist you with that. (30-35sec)

Closing remarks:

We will soon arrive at our first location, วัดคะเดียมเลี่ย, any minute now. Bring your water bottles and cap, it is quite hot out there. Don't forget to take your valuable belongings with you as the tour will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items. I ask that everybody remains seated until we have reached our destination and that the bus has come to a stop for safety purposes. On behalf of ABAC Tours, I'd like to thank you for choosing to travel with us. We hope you have a pleasant day. Please remember to stay with the group at all times to avoid getting lost, and feel free to ask any questions if you need assistance. Enjoy exploring วัดคะเดียมเลี้ย! Xiexie, merci, ขอมดุณค่ะ, thank you! (40secs)

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