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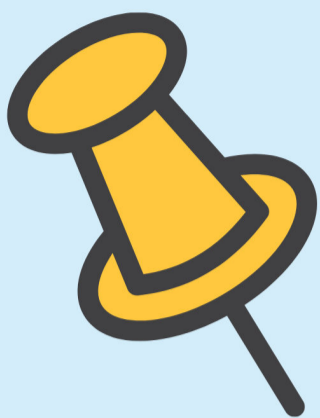
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# CHAMPIONSHIP AGENDA

DATE	AGENDA	
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29 AUG (FRI)	Arrival	
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30 AUG (SAT)	Public Speaking Workshops	
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31 AUG (SUN)	Competition and Ceremony	
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01 SEP (MON)	Interactions with UM Residential Colleges, UM Campus Tour, & Macao Heritage Tour	
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02 SEP (TUE)	Departure	
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**CASH PRIZES**

**Champion**

**USD 1,000**

**1st Runner-Up**

**USD 500**

**2nd Runner-Up**

**USD 300**

**Champion for EFL\* Speaker**

**USD 500**

**1st Runner-Up for EFL\* Speaker**

**USD 300**

**2nd Runner-Up for EFL\* Speaker**

**USD 100**

\*EFL stands for English as a Foreign Language.





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## World Universities Public Speaking Invitational Championship 2025

World Universities Public Speaking Invitational Championship is a multi-day event that promotes public speaking and friendship among students from universities globally. This event offers a rich learning and cross-cultural experience for participants,

Through this championship, we aim to:

- Promote collaboration among top universities globally
- Provide an opportunity for students to gain speaking experience
- Create a platform for students to connect and share diverse perspectives

### Main Information

<b>Organizer</b>	University of Macau
<b>Implementing Partner</b>	Macau Professional Speaking Association (MPSA)
<b>Contest Period</b>	<p><b>29 August 2025</b> – Arrival</p> <p><b>30 August 2025</b> – Public Speaking Workshop</p> <p><b>31 August 2025</b> – Competition and Ceremony</p> <p><b>01 September 2025</b> – Interactions with UM Residential Colleagues, UM Campus Tour and Macao Heritage Tour</p> <p><b>02 September 2025</b> – Departure</p>
<b>Contest Location</b>	University of Macau, Avenida da Universidade, Taipa, Macau, China
<b>Theme</b>	Creating a diverse future together
<b>Registration Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Full-time undergraduate college students that are over 18 years old <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postgraduate students are not eligible</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Must hold a valid travel document for traveling to Macao and stay for the duration of the full event</li> <li>✓ Must receive a recommendation from an invited university</li> </ul>
<b>Contest</b>	The final score will be calculated based on the results of three components:



<b>Components</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prepared Speech <i>70 points</i></li><li>2. Question-and-Answer Session <i>10 points</i></li><li>3. Impromptu Speech <i>20 points</i></li></ol> <p><b>Prepared Speech</b> <i>4 minutes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop and deliver a 4 minute speech based on the following topic: “Creating a diverse future together”</li><li>• Speeches must be at least 3 minutes long and shall not exceed 4 minutes.</li><li>• Speeches must be memorized, reading from a script or prompt will result in disqualification</li><li>• Contestants who plan to use props must notify Organizer prior to 10 August 2025; all props must be set up during the minute of silence prior to the Contest Speech and removed from the stage in the minute of silence following. Please note, that judges may add or subtract marks according to the manner in which props are used.</li></ul> <p><b>Question-and-Answer Session</b> <i>1 minute</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One question will be asked after the contestant completes his/her Prepared Speech</li><li>• Questions will be related to the contestant’s prepared speech</li><li>• Contestants will receive no advance knowledge of the question</li><li>• Answers must be at least 30 seconds long and shall not exceed 1 minute</li></ul> <p>• <b>Impromptu Speech</b> <i>2 minutes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Impromptu speeches must be at least 1 minute 30 seconds long and shall not exceed 2 minutes</li><li>• Questions will be of a general nature and not require a detailed knowledge</li><li>• Contestants will receive no advance knowledge of the topic until the contest</li><li>• Contestants may not use digital devices during the Impromptu Speech section</li></ul>
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<b>Judges and Judging Criteria</b>	The judging panel will include experienced public speaking experts and winners. The Judging Criteria is as follows:			
	<b>Judging Items</b>		<b>Maximum Points</b>	
	Prepared Speech	Content	<i>including</i> Speech Development, Speech Organization, Effectiveness, and Theme	35
		Delivery	<i>including</i> Body Language, Use of Stage, Voice, Manner, and Professional Appearance	25
		Language	<i>including</i> Appropriateness and Correctness	10
	Impromptu Speech		<i>including</i> Answer Development, Smoothness, and Effectiveness	20
	Question and Answer		<i>including</i> Answer Development, Smoothness, and Effectiveness	10
	Total			100
<b>Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion: USD 1,000 (Cash Prize), Trophy &amp; Certificate</li> <li>• 1st Runner-up: USD 500 (Cash Prize), Trophy &amp; Certificate</li> <li>• 2nd Runner-up: USD 300 (Cash Prize), Trophy &amp; Certificate</li> <li>• Champion for English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Speaker: USD 500 (Cash Prize) &amp; Certificate</li> <li>• 1st Runner-up for English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Speaker: USD 300 (Cash Prize) &amp; Certificate</li> <li>• 2nd Runner-up for English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Speaker: USD 100 (Cash Prize) &amp; Certificate</li> </ul>			
<b>Documents Required</b>	<b>To Register</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon nomination, contestants must provide a valid travel document for</li> </ul>			



	<p>accommodation arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recent photo of the contestant and the university logo are required for promotional materials.</li> </ul> <p><b>After Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the speech must be submitted to the MPSA’s Question Master at <a href="mailto:macauprospeaking@gmail.com">macauprospeaking@gmail.com</a> from 25 to 30 July 2025. Please save the file in PDF format and the maximum file size is 15MB per file. Once submitted, speeches are final unless changes are approved by the Organizing Committee.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Important Notes</b></p>	<p><b>Contestant Responsibility:</b></p> <p>To maintain the integrity of the event and ensure effective logistics management, withdrawals after confirmation are not permitted. Contestants are required to purchase their own flight tickets (economy class) and present their boarding passes and receipts in person to the Implementing Partner in Macau for reimbursement. The maximum reimbursement amounts are USD 3,000 for countries/regions in Europe, North America, and Oceania, and USD 750 for countries/regions in Asia.</p> <p><b>Originality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contestants must create their own speeches, and each must be substantially original. Reusing speeches that have been performed in other events and competitions are forbidden. Plagiarism is strictly forbidden.</li> <li>• Twenty-five percent or less of the speech may be devoted to quoting, paraphrasing, or referencing another person’s content. Any quoted, paraphrased, or referenced content must be so identified during the speech presentation.</li> <li>• The topics chosen by the individual contestant do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Organizer.</li> <li>• Speech scripts cannot be altered after submission without approval from the Organizing Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Timing Rules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timing begins with their first verbal or non-verbal communication with the audience</li> <li>• Contestants must stay within the designated time limits for their speeches.</li> </ul>



	<p>Failure to do so may lead to disqualification or a deduction of marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prepared Speech:</b> A green signal will be given when the minimum time requirement is reached (3 minutes). An amber signal will be given at 3 minutes 30 seconds. A bell will ring when the time is up and the contestant must finish their speech within 15 seconds.</li> <li>• <b>Question-and-Answer Session:</b> A green signal will be given when the minimum time requirement is reached (30 seconds). A bell will ring when the time is up and the contestant must finish their speech within 15 seconds.</li> <li>• <b>Impromptu Speech:</b> A green signal will be given when the minimum time requirement is reached (1 minute 30 seconds). A bell will ring when the time is up and the contestant must finish their speech within 15 seconds.</li> </ul> <p>A summary of the timing signals is listed below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Categories</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Green Signal</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Amber Signal</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Bell Rings</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Prepared Speech</td> <td>3 minutes</td> <td>3.5 minutes</td> <td>4 minute</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Question and Answer</td> <td>30 seconds</td> <td>/</td> <td>1 minute</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Impromptu</td> <td>1.5 minutes</td> <td>/</td> <td>2 minute</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Registration Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All contestants must arrive and register before the deadline.</li> <li>• By registering, contestants agree to comply with all regulations and arrangements of the championship. The Organizer reserves the right to amend the competition rules, make other arrangements, and not to present some of the awards without giving prior notice.</li> </ul>			Categories	Green Signal	Amber Signal	Bell Rings	Prepared Speech	3 minutes	3.5 minutes	4 minute	Question and Answer	30 seconds	/	1 minute	Impromptu	1.5 minutes	/	2 minute
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**Personal Data Collection Statement**

University of Macau will collect and handle applicants’ personal data (either hard copy or electronic format) for the purposes of registration and statistical analysis. The data of photos, recordings and videos that are collected in this Championship will be for the purposes of education and publicity. These data, once collected, may be shared with other units within UM for transfer, processing and other utilization. Data may also be shared with government departments and judicial authorities in accordance with prevailing legal provisions. In accordance with the prevailing ‘Personal Data Protection Act’ in Macao, applicants are entitled to access and amend their personal data. Please





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submit a signed request in order to exercise these aforementioned rights.

### **Media Coverage**

The championship will be documented and may be featured in local media, UM's social media platforms, annual reports, the contest website, and brochures.

### **Enquiries**

For all inquiries, please contact:

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