

# I-SHOU UNIVERSITY

## Guidelines for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 “Let’s Talk about Kaohsiung” Short Talk

### Competition

#### I. Background and Purpose

Oral communication is a fundamental skill for individuals. Effective oral communication enables people to clearly and accurately express their opinions, communicate and interact with others, and even persuade and influence others to become opinion leaders. For this reason, a TED-style short talk competition themed “Let’s Talk about Kaohsiung” is organized. Students may choose their own topics related to Kaohsiung and share what makes the city unique and inspiring. Through this competition, students can strengthen their connection with the local community and enhance their public speaking skills.

#### II. Organizer: Center for General Education (Foreign Language Center)

#### III. Theme

1. Theme: “Let’s Talk about Kaohsiung.” Students are encouraged to choose their own topics related to Kaohsiung and showcase the city’s beauty and unique character in Chinese or English from the perspectives of culture, arts, industry, technology, education, humanities, and entertainment.
2. Topics must be closely related to the competition theme and remain relevant to it.

#### IV. Eligibility

All ISU students are welcome to participate. Participants must select either the **Chinese Group** or the **English Group** when registering.

#### V. Registration Period and Method

1. Registration Period: **Monday, September 21–Monday, November 9, 2026** (Late submissions will not be accepted.)
2. Registration Method: Only online registrations will be accepted. Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/zKczgcCQDMjx5f9E9>

Registration QR Code:



3. This competition is divided into the **Chinese Group** and the **English Group**. Participants must select their preferred language group when registering.
4. Participants who require official leave for this competition must inform the

registration desk upon check-in on the day of this competition. Requests made after check-in will not be accepted.

## VI. Competition Rules and Evaluation Criteria

1. Participants are required to deliver a 3–4-minute short talk in Chinese or English. Points will be deducted if the short talk is shorter than 3 minutes or longer than 4 minutes. Participants who fail to take the stage within 1 minute of their scheduled time will be disqualified from this competition. (When the bell rings at the 4-minute mark, participants must leave the stage immediately. Failure to do so will result in a deduction of points.)
2. Participants are required to submit their short talk topic and a summary of no more than 50 words online **by Thursday, November 12, 2026**.  
(Link: <https://forms.gle/rjK6ADMxJ3G42wiw6> )



3. The content of the short talk must not plagiarize or infringe upon the copyrights or other rights of others.
4. The order of performance will be determined randomly and announced in advance on the website of the Center for General Education. Participants will also be notified via email.
5. While on stage, participants are not permitted to read from notes. They are also prohibited from bringing any personal items, including cell phones, notes, or cue cards, onto the stage.
6. Evaluation Criteria:
  - A. Appearance and Attire: 20%
  - B. Articulation: 30%
  - C. Topic and Content Structure: 50%

## VII. Prizes:

| Chinese Group                                                                                                      | English Group                                                                                                      |
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| <b>One winner each for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, plus three honorable mentions</b> | <b>One winner each for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, plus three honorable mentions</b> |
| 1. 1 <sup>st</sup> Place: NT\$3,000 and a Certificate of Merit                                                     | 1. 1 <sup>st</sup> Place: NT\$3,000 and a Certificate of Merit                                                     |

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| 2. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: NT\$2,500 and a Certificate of Merit                                                                                                                                                      | 2. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: NT\$2,500 and a Certificate of Merit                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: NT\$2,000 and a Certificate of Merit                                                                                                                                                      | 3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: NT\$2,000 and a Certificate of Merit                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4. Honorable Mention: NT\$1,000 and a Certificate of Merit each                                                                                                                                                     | 4. Honorable Mention: NT\$1,000 and a Certificate of Merit each                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5. If a winner is an international student (including students from the Mainland Area, Hong Kong, or Macau), the prize money will be subject to tax withholding in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. | 5. If a winner is an international student (including students from the Mainland Area, Hong Kong, or Macau), the prize money will be subject to tax withholding in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. |

### VIII. Competition Date, Time, and Location

1. Competition Location: International Auditorium, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Administration Building, Main Campus
2. Competition Date and Time: **Monday, November 23, 2026**, 11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

| Time                  | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Rehearsal (Participants may practice at the venue.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 12:00 p.m.–1:20 p.m.  | Check-in for Participants and Audience                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1:20 p.m.–1:25 p.m.   | Opening and Group Photo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1:25 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.  | <b>Competition:</b> 3–4 minutes per participant<br>(Participants will take the stage in the designated order. Please refer to the schedule below for details.)                                                                                                                            |
| 4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.   | Overall Comments and Announcement of Winners for Each Group<br>(If the winners cannot be announced on site due to a large number of participants, the results will be announced later on the website of the Center for General Education, and the winners will be notified individually.) |

3. Competition Schedule: 1:25 p.m.–4:00 p.m. (Chinese Group and English Group)

| Time                               | Competition Details                               |
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| 1:25 p.m.–2:50 p.m.<br>(Tentative) | <b>Chinese Group:</b> 3–4 minutes per participant |

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|                                    | (Participants will take the stage in the designated order.)                                                      |
| 2:50 p.m.–3:00 p.m.<br>(Tentative) | Break and Preparation for the English Group                                                                      |
| 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.<br>(Tentative) | <b>English Group:</b> 3–4 minutes per participant<br>(Participants will take the stage in the designated order.) |

\*\* The actual competition schedule may be adjusted depending on the final number of participants.

4. At the end of this competition, the judges will provide overall comments and announce the list of winners. The Center for General Education will subsequently announce the list of winners on its website and notify the winners individually to collect their certificates of merit and prize money. (If the winners cannot be announced on site due to a large number of participants, the results will be announced later on the website of the Center for General Education, and the winners will be notified individually.)
5. The competition schedule is for reference only and may be adjusted depending on the final number of participants and the actual progress of this competition on the day.

## IX. Important Notes

1. Participants are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their email addresses and must closely monitor their inboxes for competition notifications from the Center for General Education.
2. This competition is open to spectators.
3. Participants must check in within the designated period. Failure to do so will be deemed a withdrawal from this competition.
4. For any matters not covered herein, the Center for General Education will issue supplementary updates separately.
5. Registration for this competition constitutes consent to the University's collection, processing, and use of personal data for all competition-related purposes.
6. This competition will be video-recorded, and the winning short talks will be publicly showcased. In the event of any infringement of third-party copyrights or other rights, the participant shall bear all legal responsibilities.