

ORATORY COMPETITION

a) INTRODUCTION

This competition is one of the activities for the undergraduate students held in conjunction with the MIFT 13th National Food Science and Technology Competition 2023 organized by Monash University Malaysia and the Malaysian Institute of Food Technology (MIFT).

b) OBJECTIVES

1. To develop the public speaking skills among students
2. To instill confidence in students
3. To encourage student involvement in MIFT's activities

c) ELIGIBILITY

Participant is a registered Food Science / Food Technology / Food Science and Nutrition undergraduate student at the University he or she is representing. Participant must be a registered student during the semester prior to the competition.

d) CERTIFICATE

All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

e) TOPICS

1. The general intent of the topics for the contest will be serious in nature laced with ample humor and wit.
2. The Organizing Committee shall act as the final arbiter in the short-listing of topics for the entire competition.
3. Each institution will provide two general topics in Food Science & Technology. Ten topics will finally be selected for the competition. The topics are to be submitted to the secretariat of MIFT: mift1974@gmail.com by 30th April 2023.
4. Two weeks before the competition, the selected topics will be released to institutions who have registered for the competition. Participants will draw lot on the topics on the day of the competition.

f) LANGUAGE OF COMPETITION

The language of the competition shall be English.

g) COMPETITION FORMAT

1. Each contestant is required to speak for 5 minutes on a topic provided by the Organizing Committee 10 minutes before his/her turn.
2. Reading from a prepared text / script is strictly prohibited. Contestants are also barred from touching on sensitive issues.

h) ORDER OF SPEAKING

1. The order of speaking for the contestant is based on turn through ballot.
2. Contestants will draw lots to decide on their respective turns.

i) DISQUALIFICATION

1. The contestants must register themselves at the stipulated venue, 30 minutes before the competition begins.
2. A contestant is automatically disqualified if she/he is absent when the competition is scheduled to begin.
3. Once the competition is scheduled to start, any participant who is unable to participate, for any reason whatsoever, will be deemed to have automatically conceded a walkover.
4. All problems that may arise before the commencement of oratory shall be addressed to the Chairperson of the Oratory who will discuss the issue(s) with the participant's accompanying lecturer, the appointed Chairperson of the Organizing Committee and the Chief Judge. They will adjourn for a private discussion to arrive at a decision.
5. The Chairperson of the Oratory shall then announce the decision to all parties concerned.
6. The aforementioned Chairperson's verdict shall be final and not be subject to appeal.

j) CHAIRPERSON

1. The Organizing Committee shall appoint a Chairperson to conduct the proceeding of the oratory contest.
2. The chairperson, at his/her own discretion, has the authority to act on all matters pertaining to the rules and regulation and the conduct of the contest.
3. The Chairperson has the authority to postpone the contest to a maximum of 10 minutes for any reason he/she deems valid. If the oratory contest cannot be continued after that period, the participant(s) who had caused the postponement will automatically be disqualified.

k) JUDGES

1. The selection and composition of the judges for the contest shall be wholly trusted to the Organizing Committee to ensure impartiality in the judging process. Judges should be appointed from non-participating institutions as far as possible. In the event that there are judges from participating universities, they should (a) abstain from judging their own students; (b) abstain from the discussions related to their participant and/ or criteria related to the judging of the event during the judges' discussion of winners.
2. A panel of four persons will be selected to do the judging.
3. A Chief Judge will be appointed by the Organising Committee from among the four persons appointed as judges. The Chief Judge's main duty is to complete the Evaluation Summary Sheet after all the contestants have finished their speeches.
4. A short briefing before the oratory competition will be conducted by the Organising Committee for the judges at a time which will be announced later. The briefing and competition will be held on the same day.

l) CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. The judge will evaluate the contestants based on the following criteria:

Judge	Criteria	Points
1.	Language: diction, accuracy, grammar, pronunciation, articulation, vocabulary	25
2.	Presentation: style, wit, delivery, manner, clarity and non-verbal language	25
3.	Content	50
Total Points		100
4. Exceeding the 5 min duration by more than 20 seconds		- 2

2. Each contestant will be ranked from 1 to n , 1 being the contestant who scored the most marks based on the above criteria and n being the contestant who scored the least marks.

3. The winners will be determined by the total rank score of each participant from the four judges. The contestant with the least rank score will be deemed the winner.

4. If there were to be a tie, the contestant with the higher mark will be deemed the winner.

m) RESULTS OF ADJUDICATION

The judges' decision is final and not subject to appeal.

n) DRESS CODE

The official dress for the contest shall be formal attire for men and women.

o) OTHER MATTERS

The Organizing Committee shall decide upon any matter(s) that is not spelt out in the rules and regulations as the case may be.

p) HOW TO ENTER

Only two (2) entries participants per institution are allowed. All entries should be made through the respective representative of the university. The entries are to be submitted through the [registration form](https://bit.ly/3IPCrac) (bit.ly/3IPCrac) by 30 April 2023.

Should there be any inquiries, please write to 13mift2023@monash.edu (Attn to Associate Professor Choo Wee Sim)

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.monash.edu.my/science/news/mift-2023>