

**“The Roots of the Distance” Mandarin Speech Contest for Primary and Secondary School Students Scoring Criteria**

**Topic: I Want to Tell You**

Scoring Criteria	Group 1 (G1-G4)	Group 2 ( G5-G8 )	Group 3 ( G9-G12 )	Group 4 ( G1-G12 ) Parents Non-Native Chinese	Group 5 (G1-G12) Native Chinese
Contents of Speech (3 Points)	(i) Fluency in description and motion (1 Point) (ii) Ability to catch key, and attractive language to audience (1 Point) (iii) Good rational in contents (1 Point)	(i) Fluency in description, with proper wording (1 Point) (ii) Concise, vivid, and attractive language to audience (1 Point) (iii) Good Logic in contents (1 Point)	(i) Focused on topic, with unique opinion and rich contents (1 Point) (ii) Contents are true, typical, unique, and attractive to audience (1 Point) (iii) Essay is well-structured and fluent in words (1 Point)	(i) Fluency in description and motion (1 Point) (ii) Ability to catch key, and attractive language to audience (1 Point) (iii) Good rational in contents (1 Point)	(i) Focused on topic, with unique opinion and rich contents (1 Point) (ii) Contents are true, typical, unique, and attractive to audience (1 Point) (iii) Essay is well-structured and fluent in words (1 Point)
Linguistic Expression (3 Points)	(i) Speak with clear pronunciation and audible voice (1 Point) (ii) Fluent and nature in language expression (1 Point) (iii) With gestures and emotions (1 Point)	(i) Speak with clear and right pronunciation, and audible voice (1 Point) (ii) Fluent and nature in language expression (1 Point) (iii) With gestures and emotions (1 Point)	(i) Speak standard Mandarin with clear pronunciation and audible voice. (1 Point) (ii) Accurate, fluent and nature in language expression (1 Point) (iii) Use of proper speed, tone, syllable, loadness, rhythm, pace, and pitches. Can accurately and properly deliver contents with emotions (1 Point)	(i) Speak with clear pronunciation and audible voice (1 Point) (ii) Fluent and nature in language expression (1 Point) (iii) With gestures and emotions (1 Point)	(i) Speak standard Mandarin with clear pronunciation and audible voice (1 Point) (ii) Accurate, fluent and nature in language expression (1 Point) (iii) Use of proper speed, tone, syllable, loadness, rhythm, pace, and pitches. Can accurately and properly deliver contents with emotions (1 Point)
Length of speech (1 Point)	Time limit is 1~2 minutes. There will be 1 point deduction for any speech that is over or short 15 seconds	Time limit is 1.5~2.5 minutes. There will be 1 point deduction for any speech that is over or short 15 seconds	Time limit is 2.5~3.5 minutes. There will be 1 point deduction for any speech that is over or short 15 seconds	Time limit is 1~3.5 minutes. There will be 1 point deduction for any speech that is over or short 15 seconds	Time limit is 1~3.5 minutes. There will be 1 point deduction for any speech that is over or short 15 seconds
Effects of Speech (2 Points)	(i) Keep eye-contact with audience (1 Point) (ii) Natural start and finish; avoid simple list of event; use of humor; and leave something for audience to think about afterwards (1 Point).	(i) Keep eye-contact with audience (1 Point) (ii) Natural start and finish; avoid simple list of event; use of humor; and leave something for audience to think about afterwards (1 Point).	Can impress and attract audience; use of eye contact and/or gestures to communicate with audience; and through sympathy and empathy to merge with audience (2 Points).	(i) Keep eye-contact with audience (1 Point) (ii) Natural start and finish; avoid simple list of event; use of humor; and leave something for audience to think about afterwards (1 Point).	Can impress and attract audience; use of eye contact and/or gestures to communicate with audience; and through sympathy and empathy to merge with audience (2 Points).
Attitude & Courtesy (1 Point)	Appear with pleasant facial expression; dress neatly and decently; and show courtesy to board members and audience.	Be calm and confident; dress neatly and decently; and show courtesy to board members and audience.	With natural and proper movement and expression; be energetic; show confidence; and show courtesy to board members and audience.	With natural and proper movement and expression; be energetic; show confidence; and show courtesy to board members and audience.	With natural and proper movement and expression; be energetic; show confidence; and show courtesy to board members and audience.