**THE 8th ANNUAL CROWN DIAMOND CHINESE LANGUAGE CONTEST (International)**

**H.R.H Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn Awards**

**Phra Dhama Bhavana Vikrom Scholarships**

**Academic Year 2013**

**Rules and Regulations for Contestants at the Tertiary Education Level**

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**Application and Contest Schedule**

* Application period: June 10th – July 31st 2013
* Date of contest: Sunday, August 25th 2013
* Apply online at [**chinese.dpu.ac.th**](http://www.chinese.dpu.ac.th)

**Application Process**

Contestants must be selected and nominated officially by their universities. The application requires an endorsement from a university administrator. To enter the contest,

1. Representatives of the universities complete the application form, register to the online application system to receive a username and password (each university is restricted to one user account) at [**chinese.dpu.ac.th**](http://www.chinese.dpu.ac.th), and confirm the application, together with the contestants’ application forms endorsed by university administrators.
2. The test rooms and seat numbers for individual applicants will be announced on the online application system on August 9th 2013. Contestants are required to print out the application acknowledgment page/email which will be used for admittance into the room where the test takes place.

**For Further Information**:

Tel: 02 9547300-29 ext. 888

Fax : 02 954 7365

Email: servicedesk@dpu.ac.th

**Qualifications of Contestants:**

1. Contestants must be currently enrolled in a university in Thailand during the academic year of 2013**.**
2. Contestants must be nominated by their universities, i.e. the Dean, or the Department Head. Each university may nominate more than one contestant.

**Contest Rules and Regulations**

1. The contest is open only to individual students.
2. All universities may nominate their students, endorsed by the Dean or Department Head.
3. The contest consists of three rounds:
   1. Diamond Selection Round (Round 1): Universities select their representatives.
   2. Diamond Cutting Round (Round 2): Winners of Round 1 take a Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK) which takes place at Dhurakij Pundit University from 09.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on Sunday August 25th 2013. The top 10 highest scorers will advance to Round 3, the Crown Diamond Round.
   3. Crown Diamond Round (Round 3): Contestants are required to demonstrate their Chinese competence though essay writing and speech giving.

* The essay must contain at least 2,000 characters written in one hour.
* The speech must be given within five minutes based on the assigned topic.

**Time and Venue**

The contest will be held on Sunday, August 25th 2013 at Dhurakij Pundit University.

1. Diamond Cutting Round: 09.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
2. Crown Diamond Round: 13.30 p.m. – 15.30 p.m.

**Awards and Scholarships**

1 First Place Award: a (pure) gold medal, a scholarship of 15,000 Baht, a plague, and a certificate.

1 Second Place Award: a silver medal, a scholarship of 10,000 Baht, a plague, and a certificate.

1 Third Place Award: a copper medal, a scholarship of 7,000 Baht, a plague, and a certificate.

7 Crown Diamond Honorary Mention Awards: a scholarship of 4,000 Baht and a certificate

10 Honorary Mention Awards: a scholarship of 2,000 Baht and a certificate

**Certificates for Teachers**

Award winners’ teachers will be given certificates and souvenirs.

**Programme**

Sunday, August 25th 2013

07.30 a.m. – 08.30 a.m. Registration

08.30 a.m. Contestants enter the test room

09.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Diamond Cutting Round

13.00 p.m. Diamond Cutting Round’s results announcement

13.30 p.m. – 15.30 p.m. Crown Diamond Round

16.30 p.m. Crown Diamond Round’s results announcement

Awardsand scholarships presentation

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All the attendees will be given certificates and souvenirs.