

東洋英和女学院大学 第9回英語レシテーションコンテスト 学長挨拶

English Recitation Contest President's Address (March 21, 2023)

Hello everyone, family and friends. Welcome to our English Recitation Contest at Toyo Eiwa University.

On behalf of the organizers of the English Recitation Contest, I would like to say a few words.

Our very first English Recitation Contest was held in 2015, where we envisioned a forum where students could come together and challenge themselves towards the goal of building confidence and appreciating the world's most commonly used language, English.

It has become an annual tradition since. Today marks the ninth event. We at Toyo Eiwa University are grateful for the many entries we have received from students from all over Japan. The pandemic is not over yet. However, thanks to all of your support, we were able to receive so many applications again.

The subject passage for this year's Contest, for both the preliminary and final rounds, is "We will meet again," a message from Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, who passed away last year. As you all know, the message broadcasted to her nation in April 2020 to rally the public in the face of the coronavirus outbreak.

Her message finishes with the phrase, "We will meet again," acknowledging the "challenges" people are facing, and extends her gratitude to those who are working hard against the coronavirus, and to encourage them that their actions will be something that the future generation can be proud of.

The Late Queen was considered a mother to her nation. Her beautiful and dignified message that came at a timely moment, brought much hope and comfort to her people.

It is my hope that each of you has found something to take away from this powerful message.

With that, congratulations for all of you who have passed the preliminary rounds, and I encourage you to enjoy the moment, and do your best. Good luck!

Thank you.