**GUIDELINES**
**THE 2nd VIRTUAL STUDENT ENGLISH SPEECH COMPETITION (AUAP-VSESC)**
**Organized by**
**AUAP & Siam University (SU), Bangkok, Thailand**
**April 27-29, 2022**
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**ELIMINATION ROUND: - (Based on submitted videos)**

1. The contestants are required to deliver their speeches in English.
2. **The Secretariat will send contestants, who have completed the payment of their registration fees before February 28, 2022,** the VSESC Registration Codes. Example: VSESC-O01RC.

   Contestants must tag their videos with the VSESC Registration Codes provided by the Secretariat.

3. For the Elimination Round, the topic shall be:

   **" Should society embrace the advances in Artificial Intelligence?"**

4. Contestant must prepare a 5-minute video with the topic (above) for the Elimination Round, and send a copy of his / her video to the AUAP Secretariat via email: auapheadquarters@g.sut.ac.th on or before 05 March, 2022, 12:00 pm, Bangkok time, Thailand.
5. Video Submission:
   - Video should be in landscape orientation.
   - Video must be in MP4 Format.
   - Video must be playable in all media players.
   - Tutors / Coaches must submit the videos of their contestants.
   - Contestants without Tutors /Coaches can submit their videos to the Secretariat as well.

**Deadline of video submission is on or before 05 March 2022 at 12:00 pm., Bangkok time, Thailand. Submission of video after the deadline will not be considered.**

   Note*: The Elimination Committee shall screen the videos for the first elimination.
6. Prior to the Elimination Round, each contestant must do the following:
   - Stand at least 3 to 5 feet from the camera.
   - Check audio to ensure that the microphone is clearly picking up your voice from where you are standing.
   -Mark his/her speaking area so that he/she will not step out of frame.
7. Elimination Round: Top 30 contestants shall be selected based on the scores.
8. **The announcement of the Elimination Round results shall be on 30 March, 2022**, and the Secretariat will notify all registrants (Tutors/ Coaches/ Contestants, and the Top 30 Contestants) via email.

**SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE ELIMINATION ROUND**

The following shall be the criteria for judging:

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| Content and Relevance to the topic | 50% |
| Mechanics (Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation, Capitalization and Organization of Thoughts). | 30% |
| Visual Presence | 20% |
| Total | 100% |

**FIRST ROUND: - April 27-28 / 10:30 am, Bangkok time, Thailand**

**1.The 30 selected contestants are required to deliver their speeches in English on April 27 and 28, 2021 via zoom.** The Secretariat will send a zoom link to Contestants, Tutors, Registrants by April 18, 2021.

2. For the first round, the topic shall be:

**"Mitigating the effects of climate change: A moral obligation for all countries?"**

3. Each contestant must prepare and submit a copy (PDF) of his / her speech to the AUAP Secretariat via email: auapheadquarters@g.sut.ac.th on or before 08 April, 2022, 12:00 pm, Bangkok time, Thailand.

4. (PRE-CHECKS)* Prior to the competition, each contestant must do the following:
   - Stand at least 3 to 5 feet from the camera.
   - Check audio to ensure that the microphone is clearly picking up your voice from where you are standing.
   - Mark your speaking area so that you will not step out of frame.
   - Ensure good lighting in the area so that the judges can see the contestant's facial expressions.
   - Ensure that his / her camera is mounted or secured to prevent movement during speech.

5. During the competition proper, each contestant must:
   - Be on Zoom 30 minutes before the contest for the briefing.
   - Be mindful of the timing signals.

6. After you are introduced, begin your speech immediately.

7. Timing shall begin with the contestant's first word uttered.

8. In the event of technical failure of the signal or timing equipment, a contestant shall be allowed 30 seconds extra (overtime) before being disqualified.

9. After delivering your speech, you must go to the designated breakout room.

10. Deadline of a Copy Speech(PDF) submission is on or before April 8, 2022 at 12:00 pm., Bangkok, time, Thailand. Submission after the deadline will not be considered.

Each contestant shall present his / her prepared speech. The TOP 15 contestants shall be selected based on the scores. Those who shall be selected shall move to the next round.

**SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE FIRST ROUND**

The following shall be the criteria for judging:

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| Originality and Style | 30% |
| Content and Relevance to the topic | 40% |
| Mechanics (Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation, Capitalization band Organization of Thoughts). | 30% |

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| | Total | 100% |

## FINAL ROUND: April 29 / 10:30 am, Bangkok time, Thailand

The TOP 15 contestants shall be asked to pick a number that corresponds to a pre-selected topic by the organizers. Each contestant shall be given five (5) minutes to make a speech based on the topic that he/she has selected. A maximum of 5-minutes will be given to deliver his/ her speech in English.  The Judges shall choose the TOP 3 winners during this round.

Example:  Contestant # 4 will choose from 25 topics in the spinning wheel.  After choosing (while conceptualizing for his/her thoughts, and letting his or her camera ON), Contestant #3 shall start his /her speech…and so on and so forth.

Prior to the final round, contestants must have conducted the PRE-CHECKS.
 1. During the duration of the competition, contestants must:
      - Be on Zoom 30 minutes before the contest for briefing
      - Be mindful of the timing signals.
2.  After you are introduced, begin your speech immediately.
3.  Timing shall begin with the contestant's first word uttered.
1.   In the event of technical failure of the signal or timing equipment, a contestant shall be allowed 30 seconds extra overtime before being disqualified.
5.   After delivering your speech you must stay in the zoom meeting with mic on mute.
6.   The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable.
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**SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE FINAL ROUND**

The following shall be the criteria for judging:

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| CONTENT | 50% |
| DELIVERY | 30% |
| LANGUAGE | 20% |
| Total | 100% |