



2026-2027

Global Chinese Reading Contest Guidelines

1. Contest Overview

(1) Background

A Global Chinese Reading Contest — A New Trend in Chinese Language Learning

- **Creating a Global Competition Dedicated to Chinese Reading**

The “Global Chinese Reading Contest” is designed by the research team led by Professor Yao-Ting Sung at National Taiwan Normal University. Created for Chinese language learners worldwide, the contest aims to make Chinese reading smarter, more engaging, and more enjoyable!

- **An AI-Powered Personalized Reading Journey**

The contest adopts the SmartReading-Mandarin system, which acts like a friendly little Chinese coach. Using AI, the system identifies each participant’s reading level and recommends books at an appropriate difficulty level, along with post-reading quizzes and badge tasks, giving learners a sense of achievement and motivating them to continue learning.

- **Diverse Reading Materials to Inspire Reading Motivation**

The contest provides a wide range of reading materials, including audiobooks, and texts in both Traditional and Simplified Chinese, meeting the needs of learners at different proficiency levels. Participants can improve their Chinese reading ability at their own pace—not only learning to read and speak, but also developing a genuine love for reading.

- **Balancing Self-Directed Learning and Reading Habit Development**

Through a one-month reading challenge, participants will be encouraged to develop self-directed learning skills and regular reading habits, while comprehensively enhancing their Chinese language proficiency.

Join this global reading challenge and embark on an exciting and empowering Chinese learning journey!

Who Can Join?

- ✓ Non-native Chinese learners worldwide
- ✓ Students in international schools, bilingual schools, experimental education programs, and immersion programs
- ✓ Teachers and parents who wish to help students find books at the right level and build reading habits.

(2) Important Dates (Taiwan Time)

Activity	Date
Online Registration	Sept 14, 2026 (Mon), 12:00 noon – Nov 27, 2026 (Fri), 12:00 noon
Testing Period	Dec 7, 2026 (Mon) – Jan 17, 2027 (Sun)
Reading Mission	Jan 18, 2027 (Mon), 12:00 noon – Feb 19, 2027 (Fri), 12:00 noon
Results Announcement	Mid-March, 2027

(3) General Information

The contest consists of two stages: the DACC-M Test and the Reading Mission. Participating students are required to complete both stages. Students who complete both stages and pass the organizer's review will receive a Certificate of Participation in the Global Chinese Reading Contest.

2. DACC-M Test Guidelines

1. Test Dates

This test will be conducted from Dec 7, 2026 (Mon) – Jan 17, 2027 (Sun), based on the time slot selected by each participant. The test period is divided into six weekly sessions.

Session	Date
Week 1	Dec 7, 2026 (Mon)–Dec 13, 2026 (Sun)
Week 2	Dec 14, 2026 (Mon) - Dec 20, 2026 (Sun)
Week 3	Dec 21, 2026 (Mon) - Dec 27, 2026 (Sun)
Week 4	Dec 28, 2026 (Mon) - Jan 3, 2027 (Sun)
Week 5	Jan 4, 2027 (Mon) - Jan 10, 2027 (Sun)
Week 6	Jan 11, 2027 (Mon) - Jan 17, 2027 (Sun)

* Participants are kindly requested to select their preferred Test session during registration. Each session is conducted on a weekly basis.

* Test Notification Email: Platform login credentials and the Test instruction manual will be sent by email between **December 1 and December 4, 2026**.

2. Test Location

Participants will take the test online from home.

3. Test Content

The DACC-M Chinese Reading Ability Diagnostic Test helps determine the participant's reading level and provides a detailed diagnosis of students' Chinese reading ability. Based on the results, the system recommends suitable reading materials.

4. Test Reminders

- (1) The test is a computerized adaptive test. The time required to complete the test may vary for each participant. As long as students complete the test before the end of the test period, their scores will not be affected by

- how quickly or slowly they complete the test.
- (2) Online Test Device Requirements: A computer or tablet with a Wi-Fi connection.
 - (3) Completion of the DACC-M Test is required before beginning the Reading Mission.

3. Reading Mission Guidelines

1. Reading Mission

Participants may begin the Reading Mission only after completing the DACC-M Test.

After completing the DACC-M Test, participants may log in to the SmartReading-Mandarin system, select books suitable for their level, and complete the readings and post-reading quizzes. A book will be counted as completed only when the participant achieves an A+ rating for that book.

2. Reading Mission Period

Start time: Jan 18, 2027, 12:00 noon (Taiwan Time)

End time: Feb 19, 2027, 12:00 noon (Taiwan Time)

- To encourage active participation, students who successfully complete the required number of assigned books during this period will receive a Certificate of Participation.

3. Reading Mission Requirements

- During the Reading Mission Period, each participant must complete the required number of books as specified below:

Reading Level	Basic Reading Mission Requirements and Passing Criteria
L1-L2	Complete the 12 required books at the L1-L2 level in the system and achieve an A+ on each post-reading quiz.
L3-L4	Complete the 10 required books at the L3-L4 level in the system and achieve an A+ on each post-reading quiz.
L5-L6	Complete the 8 required books at the L5-L6 level in the system and achieve an A+ on each post-reading quiz.
L7	Complete the 6 required books at the L7 level in the system and achieve an A+ on each post-reading quiz.

Note :

1. Reading levels are determined by the results of the DACC-M Test.
2. Both Traditional and Simplified Chinese books in the system may be read and counted toward the score.
3. If the same book is available in both Traditional and Simplified Chinese, only one version will be counted.
4. Participants who do not meet the basic reading requirement will not receive a Certificate of Participation.

4. Score Calculation and Awards

Contest Item	Question Type / Task Description	Weighting
DACC-M Test	Multiple Choice questions	20%
Reading Mission	Participants must log in to the SmartReading-Mandarin system to select books, read them, and complete the post-reading assessments.	80%

【Awards】

1. Awards will be determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of each participant's DACC-M Test performance and Reading Mission performance. Awards will be granted according to each participant's final competition score.
2. Awards will be given in each reading level group: L1–L3, L4–L6, L7–L9, and L10-12. The awards include the Outstanding Award for the highest total score in each group and the Excellence Award for the second-highest total score in each group.
3. Participants who complete the DACC-M Test and required number of books for the Reading Mission will receive a Certificate of Participation.

【Certificate Issuance and Eligibility】

To ensure fairness and protect participants' rights and interests, the organizer reserves the right to invalidate any results involving irregularities or suspected cheating and to withhold Certificates of Participation. Participants may not request compensation or make any claims as a result.

Participants who cheat, ask others to take the test for them, or take the test for others will be barred from this contest for one year. If such conduct causes any loss to the organizer, the organizer reserves the right to take legal action.

【Score Review】

To request a score review, participants must email service@contest.smartreading.net within the designated application period. Late applications will not be accepted. Review results will be sent within the designated period.

※ The organizer reserves the right to modify, change, interpret, or cancel the contest. Any updates will be announced on the official website without further notice.