

# Road to East Asia Scrabble Championship (EASC) 2017

Dear Scrabble Fans in Japan;

This year's Japan Scrabble Players Association (JASPA) is going to sponsor several occasions where international Scrabble events will be thrown. This EASC (on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Hiroshima-City) is honorably taken as the first tournament out of all such distinguished events. So I will proudly proclaim that we shall meet and select eligible scrabble players who go to Hiroshima to play scrabble as Japan's representatives. There are three seats to be taken and actually, we have three concrete candidates from our association already.

Namely:

Kuroda, Kunihiko,

Takemura, Isao

and

Warodom, Geamsakul

But do you think these three are eligible? Don't you think you are better than them? If you have confidence, why don't you compete with them? We welcome your brave challenge. The EASC itself will be a WESPA<sup>※</sup> rated tournament. And it's totally open to everybody. Why can you miss this honorable occasion? Please let us have wonderful opportunity to see unseen geniuses in the game world. Let's decide real candidates who are deserved to be the representatives!

◆ Date and time: 13:10- Sunday, March 12, 2017. Your registration should be done by 13:00

(The event lasts maybe until 18:00, no intermission)

◆ Venue: Oyodo community center, 3-8-2 Honjohigashi, Kita-ku, Osaka-City, Osaka (Phone:06-6372-0213)

◆ Tournament Format: 4 of one-on-one games

◆ Assigned game time: 25 minutes (A player's score is reduced by 10 points per minute or part thereof by which he or she exceeded the assigned game time). Maximum game time is 60 minutes.

◆ Rules: Based on WESPA (World English Scrabble Players Association) Rules version 3

※ Challenge penalty: 5 points per unsuccessful challenged word.

When a player plays out, his/hers score increased by twice the value of the opponent's unplayed tiles.

◆ Lexicon: Collins Scrabble Words 2015 dictionary (+ Application Zyzzyva 5.0.3 is used for judgement)

◆ Criterion of standings: 1) number of wins (a tie is 0.5 wins) 2) cumulative spread

◆ Qualification: None (We welcome any player regardless of age, gender and nationality.)

◆ Admission fee: 1,000 Yen. (Observation is free).

Note: The capacity of the venue limits the number of spectators (including a dictionary checker) up to 15.

◆The thing to bring: A ball-point pen (mandatory)

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Your application is valid if it reaches us by Sunday, Feb. 19. Just utter "I want to participate!"

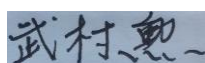
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※WESPA = World English-language Scrabble Players Association

Friday, February 12, 2017 in Kobe

Sincerely,



Isao Takemura

Chair, JASPA

