

# Golden Stone Cup 2025 – Event Outline

## ▪ Date and Time

October 4, 2025 (Saturday)

10:00–11:00: Team members enter and take their seats, guided by chaperones

11:00–11:30: Opening ceremony and chaperone entrance procession

11:30–12:30: Mental calculation & Soroban

12:30–13:00: Break

13:00–14:30: Flash Anzan and English Reading Calculation

14:30–15:30: International Exchange Event

15:30–17:00: Award Ceremony and Closing Ceremony

## ▪ Venue

Osaka International House Foundation

2-6 Uehonmachi 8-chome, Tennoji-ku, Osaka City

## ▪ Eligibility

As this is an international event, participation is open to anyone from Japan or abroad.

## ▪ Participation Fee

USD 100 (USD 70 for members)

## ▪ Divisions

There are 9 divisions:

Pre-school

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grade 6

Junior High School

High School and Above

Each division may select their own difficulty level.

The problems for mental and soroban calculation are divided into 5 levels: A, B, C, D, and E.

Participants may choose their level in advance.

▪ Division Available Levels

Pre-school D, E

Grade 1 A, B, C, D, E

Grade 2 A, B, C, D

Grade 3 and above A, B

Competition Categories

① Mental Calculation (Anzan): 3 rounds, 3 minutes each, time and question limits apply

② Soroban: 1 round, 6 minutes, question limit applies

③ Flash Anzan: Entry allowed for only one level

1-digit: Only Pre-school and Grade 1

2-digit: Grades 1 to 3 only

3-digit: All divisions may participate

④ English Reading Calculation: No age limit (application submitted to Guinness World Records)

Organizers:

Japan International Soroban Association

China Xinhua Legacy Activity Executive Committee

C&J WORKS Co., Ltd. (Japan)

Supporters:

National English Reading Calculation Championship Committee

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# Mental Arithmetic & Soroban Problem Format Settings

Exam Type	Category		Content Details	Questions	Points	Time
A	Mental	Multiplication	2×2, 3×2, 2×3, 3×3, 4×2, 2×4, 5×2, 4×3, 3×4 Two-digit to five-digit multiplication combinations, e.g., 2-digit × 2-digit, 3-digit × 2-digit, etc.	100	500	3min
		Division	?-digit ÷ 2-digit =2-digit, ?-digit ÷ 2-digit =3-digit, ?-digit ÷ 3-digit = 2-digit	100	500	3min
			?-digit ÷ 3-digit =3-digit, ?-digit ÷ 2-digit =4-digit, ?-digit ÷ 3-digit = 4-digit ?-digit ÷ 4-digit =3-digit, ?-digit ÷ 5-digit =2-digit			
		Mental Reading (Add/Sub)	10 problems, each with 10 terms of 3- to 4-digit numbers (with or without decimals). e.g. 3-digit × 10 terms × 10 problems 3 -to 4-digit × 10 terms × 10 problems (decimals included)	50	500	3min
	4-digit × 10 terms, with 2-digit decimal results 10 vertically arranged 4-digit decimal numbers (2 decimal places)					
	Abacus	Soroban All-Around	Multiplication: 3×3, 4×3, 3×4, 4×4, 5×4, 4×5	50	900	6min
			e.g. ?-digit ÷ 3-digit = 2-digit、?-digit ÷ 4-digit = 2-digit / 3-digit / 5-digit			
5- to 8-digit or 7- to 8-digit numbers, 10 terms × 5 problems 5- to 8-digit × 10 terms × 5problems、 7- to 8-digit × 10 terms × 5problems						
B	Mental	Multiplication	2-digit × 1-digit, 25 problems、 3-digit × 1-digit, 75 problems	100	500	3min
		Division	?-digit ÷ 1-digit = 2-digit, 25 problems, ?-digit ÷ 1-digit = 3-digit, 75 problems	100	500	3min
		Mental Reading (Add/Sub)	2-digit × 5terms, 20 problems、 1- to 2-digit × 8terms, 10problems、 2-digit × 8terms, 10problems	50	500	3min
	Abacus	Soroban All-Around	Multiplication: 2-digit × 2-digit ,10 problems、 2-digit × 3-digit : 5 problems、 3-digit × 3-digit : 5 problems	20	900	6min
			?-digit ÷ 2-digit = 2-digit : 5 problems、 ?-digit ÷ 2-digit = 3-digit :5pro、 ?-digit ÷ 3-digit = 2-digit : 5pro、 ?-digit ÷ 3-digit = 3-digit : 5pro	20		
			Addition:2- to 4-digit × 10terms : 5problems,2- to 4-digit × 14terms: 5pro	10		
C	Mental	Multiplication	2-digit × 1-digit、 3-digit × 1-digit	100	500	3min
		Mental Reading1 (Add/Sub)	1-digit × 6terms : 30problems、 1- to 2-digit × 6 terms : 20 problems	50	500	3min
		Mental Reading2 (Add/Sub)	1- to 2-digit × 6 terms : 30 problems、 2-digit × 4terms : 20problems	50	500	3min
	Abacus	Soroban All-Around	Multiplication: 3-digit ×1-digit:10pro,4-digit×1-digit:5pro,2-digit×2-digit:5pro	20	900	6min
			Addition: 1- to 3-digit ×10terms : 10problems、 2- to 4-digit × 10terms: 10pro	20		
D	Mental	Mental Reading1 (Add/Sub)	1-digit × 4 terms: 50 problems	50	500	3min
		Mental Reading2 (Add/Sub)	1-digit × 6 terms: 50 problems	50	500	3min
		Mental Reading3 (Add/Sub)	1- to 2-digit × 6 terms: 50 problems	50	500	3min
	Abacus	Soroban All-Around	1-digit × 10 terms: 15 problems、 1- to 2-digit × 10 terms: 15 problems	30	900	6min
E	Mental	Mental Reading1 (Add/Sub)	1-digit × 4 terms (mixed addition and subtraction)	50	500	3min
		Mental Reading2 (Add/Sub)	1-digit × 5 terms (mixed addition and subtraction)	50	500	3min

		Mental Reading3 (Add/Sub)	1-digit × 6 terms (mixed addition and subtraction)	50	500	3min
	Abacus	Soroban All-Around	2-digit×5terms: 15problems、2-digit×7terms: 15problems (Both mixed addition and subtraction)	30	900	6min

#### ▪ Scoring and Awards

Total score from mental and soroban calculation will determine the overall individual score.

In case of a tie, the participant with the higher lowest event score will rank higher.

If still tied, the younger participant will be given priority. If age is also identical, they will be ranked equally.

Rankings in each division prioritize those who selected A-level problems, followed by B → C → D → E.

#### ▪ Overall Awards (Per Division):

The top 3 scorers choosing A-level problems will be awarded:

Champion

Runner-up

Third Place

If there are fewer than the required number of participants, awards may not be given.

No substitution from B-level participants will occur.

For Grade 1–2, a minimum score will be considered; similar rules apply for other divisions.

For Pre-school, top 3 from D-level will be awarded.

#### ▪ Master Award:

Participants who win the overall champion title two years in a row and improve their score in the second year will receive the “Master Award” and a USD 100 scholarship.

If the champion declines, the award will be passed to the runner-up.

#### ▪ Gold Medal Award:

Top 30% of participants in each grade will receive a “Grade Gold Medal Award.”

If fewer than 30% of a team receive gold medals, the top 30% within the team will be awarded instead (A-level prioritized).

At least one gold medal per three participants per team will be awarded. If a team has fewer than three members, it will still be counted as three.

#### ▪ Silver Medal Award:

All participants not receiving overall awards or gold medals will be given a “Silver Medal Award.”

- Participation Award:

Participants scoring below the set minimum (or scoring zero) in any category will receive a “Participation Award” only.

- Excellent Coach Award:

For every three participants per team, one “Excellent Coach Award” will be given. The coach’s name will be included on the certificate.

- School Gold Medal Award:

Every participating school/classroom will receive a “School Gold Medal Award” certificate with the classroom name.

- Contributor Award:

Teachers, organizers, and staff not covered by the above awards will receive a “Contributor Award.”

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