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Défi Inter Alliances - Terms & Conditions

Asie du Sud-Est (South East Asia), 2026

ARTICLE 1 – Organizers

The Alliances Françaises of Bangkok and Phuket (Thailand), Cebu and Manila (Philippines), Kuala Lumpur and Penang (Malaysia), Bali, Makassar, Medan and Semarang (Indonesia) and Siem Reap (Cambodia), not-for-profit organizations, and the Fondation des Alliances Françaises, located in Paris (France), are the organizers of the “Défi Inter-Alliances” competition, hereinafter called “Le Défi” or “the competition”.

ARTICLE 2 – Objective & Phases of the competition

Participants will take part in a general culture quiz in French, hosted on the Kahoot digital platform.

The competition takes place in four stages:

- a local selection phase, organized by each of the seven participating Alliances (see Art. 1): 20 questions
- a regional selection phase: 25 questions
- a semi-final by geographic zones: 25 questions
- an international final: 30 questions

Participating Alliances are free to conduct their selection rounds either in-person or online.

ARTICLE 3 – Calendar of the competition (South-East Asia)

- Each participating Alliance will organise its own local and national selections, between 1 March and 17 May 2026.
- The regional selection will be held virtually on 23 May 2026 at 6.30 pm (Bangkok, Medan) / 7.30 pm (Cebu, Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Bali, Makassar) and organised by the Alliance Française de Kuala Lumpur.
- The international final will be held in-person at the Alliance Française of Bruxelles, Belgium, on July 2026.

ARTICLE 4 – Participation requirements

Participation in the competition is completely free of charge.

The competition is open to all students enrolled in French courses at participating Alliances Françaises, provided they meet the following criteria:

- Competition entrants must be at least 18 years old on 15 July 2026
- Competition entrants must have a French level proficiency (or be in the process of learning) A2, B1, B2, C1 or C2 level
- Competition entrants must not be a staff member or a board member of an Alliance Française
- Competition entrants must not be a native French speaker
- must be available on the dates mentioned in Article 3 for local, regional, geographic zone and international finals
- Competition entrants must agree to turn their camera on during the online competition on Zoom
- Competition entrants must be studying French at their Alliance Française with a minimum of 20 hours of class from 1 January to 30 April 2026
- Competitors who won any international final of the Défi InterAlliances (in 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024, 2025) can't join the competition in 2026

Students who don't meet these requirements will not be eligible to participate.

A proof of identity (copy of ID) will be asked upon registration.

By entering the competition, participants fully agree to abide by these official rules. Any failure to comply with the competition's participation criteria will result in disqualification.

ARTICLE 5 – Description of the competition

The four steps of the selection (local, regional, by geographic zones and international) will consist in a quiz of general culture questions via the Kahoot digital platform.

When the selections are made online, the participants must use two digital devices during the competition: one device (computer, tablet, or smartphone) to access Zoom for the virtual event, and a smartphone to answer the Kahoot quiz.

It is recommended for participants to have a high quality and stable internet connection during the competition.

The international final will be held in person, in Paris, also using the Kahoot application. The finalists will answer the quiz using their smartphones, while questions will be displayed on a screen, with internet connectivity provided by the organisers.

The entire competition will be conducted exclusively in French, and all general knowledge questions will be written only in French.

Quiz scores will determine rankings at every stage. After the local stage, the competition participants will be selected as follows:

- The two highest-scoring participants in each local selection round will advance to the South-East Asia regional selection round.

- The two highest-scoring participants in the regional selection round will represent South-East Asia in the semi-final by geographical zone.
- The top-ranking participant in each geographical semi-final will qualify for the international final in Bruxelles, with transportation and accommodation covered by the organisers. The geographical zones follow the structure established by the Fondation des Alliances Françaises, which oversees the competition.

The participant with the highest score in the international final will be crowned the competition winner.

ARTICLE 6 - Prizes

6.1 – Local Selections

For the local selections, each participating Alliance defines the prizes that will be awarded to the first two winners, separate from their participation in the regional selection. Mention of these prizes will be included in the communication prior to participation in the competition. Physical prizes can't be sent outside of the country of the participating Alliance that offers them.

6.2 – Regional Final

For the regional final, the first two winners will be awarded specific prizes, separate from their participation in the regional selection. These prizes will be announced April 2026.

6.3 – Geographic zone Final

For the geographic zone final, the winner of each zone will be awarded a trip to Bruxelles on July 2026, to participate in the International Final (*dates may be subject to slight adjustments within the same period*).

The stay includes:

- Accommodation
- Round-trip transport from the closest airport to the winner's residence to Bruxelles. Local transport (bus, metro, train, etc.) is not covered.
- a 400 euros allowance

All other expenses (insurance, extra baggage, etc.) will be the winner's responsibility. If a visa is required for travel to France, it is the winner's duty to complete the necessary formalities. Winners must ensure they meet the travel requirements for France.

If a visa is denied or if the winner cannot travel, the runner-up from the semi-final will be invited to participate in the Final instead.

Validity

Winners of the semi-finals must be available to attend the International Final in Bruxelles in person on July 2026. If unavailable, they will forfeit their prize, and the runner-up will take their place.

Regional final winners cannot transfer their prize to another person.

ARTICLE 7 - Image rights

The competition's local, national, semi-final, and final rounds may be streamed live or recorded and later shared on the websites and social media of the participating Alliances, organisers, and partners.

By entering the competition, participants authorise the organisers to use their name, surname, and city/country of residence in promotional materials, on organiser and partner websites and social media, and in any affiliated media, without entitlement to compensation beyond the competition prize.

Participation also grants the organisers permission to use the winners' images (local, national, regional, and international) for promotional purposes, including online and offline media (websites, social media, press, events, etc.), within a year of the event. This will not entitle participants to any additional compensation.

Participants acknowledge that the use of their image is not obligatory for the organisers and that they have no control over which photos are used. Therefore, they cannot oppose their image being shared, as outlined in these rules.

By registering for this competition, the parents or guardians of participating minors accept these rules and authorize the participating and organizing Alliances Françaises to disseminate their name as well as their data which identify them or could lead to their identification.

ARTICLE 8 – Responsibilities

8.1 - Responsibilities of the organizers

The organizers cannot be held responsible if, in the event of an emergency, or for any other cause, the competition should be postponed, shortened or cancelled. The organizers also reserve the right to extend or limit the period of participation, to postpone it or to modify the conditions, with emergencies requiring such measures being out of their control. Their responsibility cannot be engaged for this fact. Additions and amendments to these rules may be published during the competition. They will be treated as appendices to these terms and conditions.

The organizers cannot be held responsible for any malfunctions linked to the Internet network itself or linked to any intrusion, attempted intrusion, fraud, technical failure or any other factors beyond their control that may affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or execution of the competition. The organizers cannot be held responsible for network congestion, the quality of participants' equipment, or the speed of their internet connection, which may impact response times or access to the competition platform.

As such, participants will not be entitled to any compensation for disruptions, modifications, or cancellation of the competition.

8.2 - Responsibilities of participants

Participants are solely responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information they provide when registering, including their contact details, and for ensuring that they meet all participation requirements.

Participants selected for the national round, semi-final, or International Final must confirm their availability for the scheduled dates. If they are unable to participate, for any reason, they will be disqualified.

Participants must take appropriate measures to protect their personal data and devices from potential risks. The participation of entrants in the competition is their sole responsibility.

Participation in the competition requires a fair and respectful attitude, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify, without notice, and / or not to award a prize to any participant who violates the rules.

The organizers also reserve the right to revoke the participation of any entrant in the competition if their conduct is deemed inappropriate in any way.

By registering, participants automatically accept the provisions of these regulations and authorize the participating and organizing Alliances Françaises to disclose their name as well as any data that identifies them or could lead to their identification.