

GUIDELINES

THE 22ND ANNUAL JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

April 24, 2010

For Middle School ♦ High School Students

Sponsored by the Consulate-General of Japan in Portland

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1. OBJECTIVES

By showcasing the talent of middle school and high school students of Japanese and encouraging them to pursue their studies, it is hoped that the Speech Contest will serve to support Japanese language learning and education in our jurisdiction, and to promote mutual understanding and strengthen the ties that Japan now shares with the citizens of these States.

2. CONTEST LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010
Time: 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. (Tentative Time)
Location: Two World Trade Center
Mezzanine Level
121 SW Salmon, Portland, Oregon 97204
(on 1st Avenue, between Salmon and Taylor Streets)

Tentative Schedule:

12:30	-	1:00	Registration
1:00	-	1:10	Explanation of Guidelines
1:10	-	3:00	Speeches
3:00	-	4:30	(Judge Scoring)
4:30	-	5:00	Award Ceremony

3. SPONSORING ♦ SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

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Supporters: Portland General Electric
Delta Airlines
Shokookai of Portland
Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland
Chef Naoko
World Trade Center Portland

4. JUDGES

The judges' panel consists of Japanese professors from local universities and staff members of the Consulate-General of Japan.

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5. CONTEST STRUCTURE AND APPLICATION PROCESS

A. Eligibility Criteria

Each participating school will be limited to certain a number of students appearing in each division as follows:

Division 1	Each participating school will be limited to a maximum of five (5) students appearing in Division 1.
Division 2	Each participating school will be limited to a maximum of two (2) students appearing in Division 2.
Division 3	Each participating school will be limited to a maximum of five (5) students appearing in Division 3.

B. Level of Competition and Speech Length

There will be 3 divisions divided according to school year.

Division 1	Middle school students who are not immersion program students nor do they come from homes where Japanese is spoken
Division 2	High school students who are not immersion program students nor do they come from homes where Japanese is spoken
Division 3	Immersion Program students of Middle and High school level or who are from homes where Japanese is spoken

Speech length is three (3) minutes. Speeches slightly over (30 seconds or less) the time restrictions set above are acceptable. However, contestants will be asked to stop when speeches are longer than 3 minutes and 30 seconds.

C. Speech Topics:

Division 1	わたしのすきな〇〇 (WATASHI NO SUKINA 〇〇 - “Things I like”)
Division 2	わたしの将来 (しょうらい) (WATASHI NO SHŌRAI - “My future”)
Division 3	わたしの意見 (いけん) ・ 考え (かんがえ) (WATASHI NO IKEN / KANGAE)

Speeches must be written by students themselves.

Students are allowed to bring notes if they need. No visual aids such as panels, OHP, or music tapes/CDs are allowed.

D. Selection Process

The panel will consider Japanese language ability, speech content and presentation. Judges do not expect students to perform like native speakers; rather, they will be looking for mastery of a certain skill level. For this reason, we encourage teachers and family to refrain from excessive correcting and rewriting of their student’s speeches.

The panel will evaluate each contestant for Japanese language ability, speech content and presentation/delivery. One of the judges will ask the student two to three questions in order to check whether or not the speech is rote memorization. The scores of contestants will not be disclosed for any reason.

E. Application Deadline and Form

Please fill out the 2-page application form attached at the end of this Guideline. **Each participating school will be limited to certain number of students in each division appearing in the Speech Contest. Please refer to Page 3 “Eligibility Criteria.”** After closing the application period, we may consider taking a few more students from schools with a larger Japanese learning population only if the set number for each division has not been filled. Please do not forget to sign the application forms.

The application forms must be received by our office no later than 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st by fax or regular mail. We are unable to reserve spots by phone. We will close the application process when we fill the set numbers.

Application Deadline: 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st

Accept Applications up to:

20 for Division I

20 for Division II

20 for Division III

The confirmation of acceptance will be emailed to the students.

6. AWARDS

The awards will be announced on the day.

7. OTHERS

Please feel free to contact the Consulate-General of Japan at (503) 221-1811 or email to nalipio@cgjpdx.org if you have any questions.

Attn: Japanese Speech Contest
Consulate-General of Japan in Portland
1300 SW 5th Ave., Suite 2700
Portland, OR 97201

Japanese Speech Contest Entry Form

Please fill out this application form and return it to your Japanese language instructor. If you are currently taking Japanese class(es), please ask your instructor to fill out the 2nd page of this form.

Student's Name (English): _____ Male / Female
First Last

(Japanese)
* Please write student's name in Katakana : _____
First Last

Student's Mailing Address : _____
Street City State/Zip

Home Telephone: _____ Age: _____ Email: _____
(Area Code) Number (as of April 1st)

School Name : _____
Japanese Instructor's Name : _____
First Last

Q 1. Have you ever been to Japan? YES NO

If you answer YES, please indicate WHEN, WHERE, HOW LONG and the PURPOSE of your visit:

When: _____

Where: _____ How Long: _____

Purpose of your visit: _____

Q 2. Have you ever attended an immersion program? YES NO

If you answer YES, please indicate WHAT PROGRAM, WHEN and HOW LONG you attended:

Program's Name: _____

When: _____

How Long: _____

<Questionnaire continues on the back>

