

The 28th Annual Japanese Speech Contest

第 28 回日本語スピーチコンテスト

Express Yourself in Japanese!



Organized by The Consular Office of Japan in Portland

Saturday, April 9th, 2016

Two World Trade Center, Portland, Oregon

Division 1	<p>Middle School Students who are not immersion program students nor do they come from homes where Japanese is spoken</p> <p>Speech topic: My Family (わたしの家族) Subtitle:○○○ EX: Most memorable episode with my family (忘れられない家族とのエピソード) *Please make your own speech subtitle within above topic.</p>
Division 2	<p>High School students who are not immersion program students nor do they come from homes where Japanese is spoken</p> <p>Speech topic: My Dream (わたしの夢) Subtitle:○○○ EX: Become a bridge between Japan and USA (日本とアメリカの架け橋) *Please make your own speech subtitle within above topic.</p>
Division 3	<p>Immersion program students of Middle and High school level or students who are from homes where Japanese is spoken;</p> <p>Speech topic: My opinion, my thoughts (わたしの意見・考え) Subtitle:○○○ EX: Environmental Issues (環境問題について), 2020 Tokyo Olympics (2020年東京オリンピック) *Please make your own speech subtitle within above topic.</p>

Speech Length is 3 minutes

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GUIDELINES

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For Middle School ♦ High School Students

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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 9, 2016

Time: 12:30 – 5:00p.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: Association of Teachers of Japanese in Oregon
Chef Naoko
City of Sapporo
Delta Air Lines
Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland
Portland General Electric
Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association
Sapporo International Communication Plaza Foundation
Shokookai of Portland
World Trade Center Portland

4. JUDGES

The judges' panel consists of Japanese professors from local universities, members of the Shokookai of Portland, members of the Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association and staff members of the Consular Office of Japan. (Tentative)

5. CONTEST STRUCTURE AND APPLICATION PROCESS

A. Eligibility Criteria

Each participating school will be limited to a certain 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 five (5) 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 students 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:

Please make your own speech subtitle within each division's topic.

Division 1	わたしの家族 - My Family (WATASHI NO KAZOKU) Subtitle: ○○○ EX: 忘れられない家族とのエピソード- Most memorable episode with my family
Division 2	わたしの夢 - My Dream (WATASHI NO YUME) Subtitle: ○○○ EX: 日本とアメリカの架け橋 - Become a bridge between Japan and USA
Division 3	わたしの意見・考え - My opinion, my thoughts (WATASHI NO IKEN ・ KANGAE) Subtitle: ○○○ EX: 環境問題について- Environmental Issues 2020年東京オリンピック- 2020 Tokyo Olympics

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 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st** 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: 5:00pm on Thursday, March 31st.

Accept applications up to:

20 for Division 1

20 for Division 2

20 for Division 3

The confirmation of acceptance will be emailed to the students.

6. AWARDS

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each Division. The City of Sapporo also provides a special award in each Division. The awards will be announced on the day of the contest.

7. OTHERS

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Consular Office of Japan at (503) 221-1811 ext315 or email to bunkaportland@se.mofa.go.jp

**Attn: Japanese Speech Contest
Consular Office 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 _____ Male / Female
(English) : _____

First Last

(Japanese)

* Please write student's ;
name in Katakana

First Last

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

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

Email Address : _____

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>

Q 3. Is (Are) your parent(s) Japanese? YES NO
 If you answer YES, do you speak Japanese with her/him at home? YES NO

Any other experience relating to Japan: *For example: Hosted Japanese exchange students, study Karate, etc.*

If you are currently taking Japanese Class(es) at your school, please ask your teacher to fill out the following. If you are a self-learner, please have your guardian fill out the following. Applications without signature will not be accepted:

Name of Student : _____
 First Last

Name of Instructor : _____
 (Self-learner's guardian) First Last

Name of School : _____

School Address : _____
 Street City State Zip

Instructor or guardian's email address : _____

Total number of students who are learning Japanese at your school : _____

Student's total years of Japanese study : _____ Years Months

Student's grade : 6G 7G 8G 9G 10G 11G 12G

Signature of Instructor:
 (Self-learner's guardian's signature) _____
 Signature Date

Please make sure that the entry form is complete, and **all forms must be received by our office no later than March 31st.**

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