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The 28th Annual Japanese Speech Contest Held

The 28th Annual Japanese Speech Contest organized by the Consular Office of Japan for students who are studying Japanese in high schools, and Immersion program students of middle and high schools in Oregon was held on Saturday, April 9th, at the World Trade Center in Portland. The contest was successfully completed with the participation of 12 students from 6 schools. About 70 people were in the audience, including Japanese language teachers and the contestants' families.

There were two divisions this year. Division 2 is for high school students. Division 3 is for Immersion program students of middle and high school level or who are from homes where Japanese is spoken.

The contest was supported by the 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.

A list of the winner's names and schools is attached.

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2016 - The 28th Annual Japanese Speech Contest Winners' Name and School

Division	Prize	Name	School
Division II	1	Chris Gatling	Beaverton High School
	2	Emma Haas	Beaverton High School
	3	Danica Gascon	Century High School
Division III	1	Emma Baker	Mt. Tabor Middle School
	2	Mitchel Munzing	Mt. Tabor Middle School
	3	Aidan Austin	Mt. Tabor Middle School

Special Award "The Mayor of Sapporo Award"		
Division II	Emma Haas	Beaverton High School
Division III	Aidan Austin	Mt. Tabor Middle School

