

# The 31st Annual Japanese Speech Contest 第31回日本語スピーチコンテスト

Express Yourself in Japanese!

Sponsored by The Consular Office of Japan in Portland

Saturday, April 20th, 2019

KPMG LLP, the Wells Fargo Center Building, 38floor  
1300 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 3800, Portland, OR, 97201

スピーチトピック：おきにいりの衣装の紹介

**SPEECH TOPIC: DESCRIBING MY FAVORITE OUTFIT**

Division 1: Middle & High School Students who are not immersion program students nor do they come from homes where Japanese is spoken.

Division 2: Immersion program students of Middle and High school level or students who are from homes where Japanese is spoken

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 20, 2019

**Time:** 12:30 – 5:00p.m. (Tentative Time)

**Location:** KPMG LLP, Training Room  
Wells Fargo Center Building, 38floor  
1300 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 3800, Portland, OR, 97201

### Tentative Schedule:

12:30	-	1:00	Registration
1:00	-	1:10	Explanation of Guidelines
1:10	-	3:20	Speeches
3:20	-	4:15	(Judge Scoring)
4:15	-	4:45	Award Ceremony

## 3. SPONSORING ♦ SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

**Sponsored by:** Consular Office of Japan in Portland  
**Supporters:** Association of Teachers of Japanese in Oregon  
Chef Naoko  
City of Sapporo  
Delta Air Lines  
Japan-America Society of Oregon  
Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland  
KPMG LLP  
Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association  
Sapporo International Communication Plaza Foundation  
Shokookai of Portland

## 4. JUDGES

The judges' panel consists of Japanese professors from local universities, a member of the Shokookai of Portland, a member of the Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association and a staff member 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 <b>maximum of five (5) students</b> appearing in Division 1.
Division 2	Each participating school will be limited to a <b>maximum of five (5) students</b> appearing in Division 2.

### B. Level of Competition and Speech Length

Division 1	Middle school & High school students who are not immersion program students nor do they come from homes where Japanese is spoken
Division 2	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 Topic:

スピーチ トピック : おきにいりの衣装の紹介  
いしょう しょうかい  
Speech topic: Describing My Favorite Outfit

**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.

The City of Sapporo's special award will be selected by a judge of the Portland – Sapporo Sister City Association separately from the above selection process.

### ***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.

**Accept applications up to: 20 for Division 1  
20 for Division 2**

The application forms must be received by our office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11th by email or via regular mail.** We are unable to reserve spots by phone. We will close the application process when we fill the set numbers.

Attn: Japanese Speech Contest  
Consular Office of Japan  
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Portland, Oregon 97201  
Email: [bunkaportland@se.mofa.go.jp](mailto:bunkaportland@se.mofa.go.jp)

The confirmation of acceptance will be emailed to the students & Instructors or guardians.

## **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. This prize will be selected by a judge of the Portland - Sapporo Sister City Association. 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](mailto:bunkaportland@se.mofa.go.jp)

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this form.

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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)

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Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_

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School Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Japanese Instructor's Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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<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 April 11th.**

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