

GUIDELINES

THE 35th ANNUAL JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

April 14, 2024

For Middle School ♦ High School Students

Organized by the Consular Office 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: Sunday, April 14, 2024

Time: 12:00 – 3:00p.m.

Location: Hawthorne Room, Wells Fargo Center Building
3rd floor, 1300 SW 5th Ave, Portland, OR, 97201

Schedule:

11:30	-	12:00	Registration
12:00	-	12:10	Explanation of Guidelines
12:10	-	2:00	Speeches
2:00	-	2:30	DVD Screening, Judge Scoring
2:30	-	3:00	Award Ceremony

3. ORGANIZER AND SUPPORTERS

Organized by: Consular Office of Japan in Portland

Supporters : Association of Teachers of Japanese in Oregon
Shokookai of Portland

4. JUDGES

The judges' panel consists of Japanese professors from local universities, a member of the Shokookai of Portland, and a staff member of the Consular Office of Japan.

Dr. Sisley Etsuko	Oregon State University
Dr. Suwako Watanabe	Portland State University
Mr. Hayato Okada	Shokookai of Portland
Mr. Naoto Shigehisa	Consular Office of Japan in Portland

5. CONTEST STRUCTURE AND APPLICATION PROCESS

A. Level of Competition and Speech Length

Division 1 reading aloud	Middle school students & High school students who are not immersion program students nor do they come from homes where Japanese is spoken <i>Reading length: Two (2) minutes</i> <i>Reading Text: See Attachment 1</i>
Division 2 Speech	Middle school & High school students who are not immersion program students nor do they come from homes where Japanese is spoken <i>Speech length: Three (3) minutes</i>
Division 3 Long Speech	Middle school & High school students in immersion programs or from homes where Japanese is spoken are allowed excluding students of the Portland Japanese school <i>Speech length: Five (5) minutes</i>

- Participants of Division 1 are able to use the Reading Text with “Roma-ji” phonetics.
- 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 prescribed time and 30 seconds.

B. Speech Topic:

スピーチ トピック : わたしのお^きに^いり

Speech topic: My Favorite thing

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.

C. Number of participants by category

Division 1: 7 students

Division 2: 5 students

Division 3: 5 students

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.

6. AWARDS

The awards will be announced on the day. After speeches, the judges will deliver their decision. The awards ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2:30p.m. In the past, the contest has proceeded ahead of schedule, so we may begin the Awards Ceremony earlier than 2:30pm.

7. OTHERS

- Participants shall participate in this contest at their own risk and should take appropriate measures to safeguard their health.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Consular Office of Japan at (503) 221-1811 or email to bunkaportland@se.mofa.go.jp

Reading Text for Division 1

「ものの名まえ」

けんじさんは、夕がた、おねえさんと 町へ かいものに いきました。

はじめの お店には、りんご、みかん、バナナなどが、ならんで
います。

ふたりは、五百円で りんごをかいました。

この おみせは、なにやさんでしょう。

つぎに、さかなやさんに いきました。あじ、さば、たいなどが、
ならんで います。

けんじさんが、

「さかなを ください。」

と いって、千円さつを 出しました。おみせの おじさんは、
「さかなじゃ わからないよ。」

と、わらいながら いいました。

おじさんは、なぜ「わからないよ。」と いったのでしょうか。

ものには、一つ一つに 名まえが ついて います。

りんご、みかん、バナナなどは、一つ一つの 名まえです。

一つ一つの ものを、まとめて つけた 名まえも あります。

りんご、みかん、バナナなどを まとめて つけた 名まえは、くだもので
す。

さかなも、まとめて つけた 名まえです。

一つ一つを わけて いう ときには、あじ、さば、たいなどと、
一つ一つの 名まえを つかいます。