

NINETHEENTH ANNUAL JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST

On March 27, 2010, The Japan-America Society of Georgia (JASG), in cooperation with the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, the Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese (GATJ), and The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia (JCCG), will host the Nineteenth Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Application Procedure

All applications, which should be completed by the Japanese language teacher, must be received by The Japan-America Society of Georgia no later than **Friday, March 12, 2010**. Each Japanese language instructor is invited to send three representatives.

Criteria Selection

- All participants of the **Level I** and **Level II** competitions must be non-native speakers of Japanese who are university students enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at the time of the contest. Participants of the **Open Level** competition can be any non-native speaker of Japanese, who is a student enrolled in the 2009-2010 academic year at least for one semester (high school, graduate, college part-time students are welcome to participate).
- Students who have lived in Japan for more than one year are not eligible. Any student who does not meet this qualification and still wishes to compete should submit in writing an explanation of their time spent in Japan (i.e. where they lived, where they studied, the purpose of their visit, etc.).
- Students who have been awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in this competition in previous years, may not compete in the same level in any subsequent year. Students may only compete in a higher level. Students can compete in the Open Level even if they have competed in the Level I and/or Level II competitions in previous years.
- In most cases, 1st and 2nd year students will be placed in the Level I competition and 3rd and 4th year students will be placed in the Level II competition.
- Students must write their own speech in the Level I and Level II competitions. The teacher may only make corrections and suggestions and may not prepare the speech for their students. In the Open Level Competition, students will recite a published monologue, speech, or literary excerpt.
- The Open Level competition may have limited space available due to time constraints so we ask that only up to 3 participants from each school compete in the Open Level.

Presentations and Judging Format

- Presentations must be entirely in Japanese.
- For competitive participation in the **Level I** competition, contestants should present a maximum of a 3-minute memorized speech on a theme of his/her choice. For competitive participation in the **Level II** competition, contestants should present a maximum of a 4-minute memorized speech on a theme of his/her choice. Contestants in the **Open Level** competition should prepare a maximum of a 3-minute memorized speech of his/her own or a published monologue, speech, literary excerpt, or other presentation.
- Points will be taken off if a contestant goes beyond the established time limit. A brief question and answer interview from judges will follow each participant's speech only in the **Level II** competition this year.
- Visual aids may NOT be used this year in the **Level I** and **Level II** competitions but only in the **Open Level** competition (visual aids must be pre-approved by the contest organizers).
- Judges will look for clarity, elocution, vocabulary usage, pronunciation and creativity relative to age, experience, and ability level.
- Each contestant will be asked to submit a summary or a draft of their presentation for the contest organizers and the judges.



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