

26th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Chicago [2012] Results

| Prize | Participant's Name | School | Speech Title |
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| <u>Grand Prize (1)</u> | | | |
| Round trip tickets & JAL Scholarship Program Participation Option donated by Japan Airlines \$200 Gift Certificate donated by The bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd. \$200 Gift Certificate donated by Sumitomo Corporation of America | | | |
| | Yong Yin | University of WI-Madison | 偶然で築かれた人生 (Serendipity in Life) |
| <u>Sister City Osaka Award (1)</u> | | | |
| Round trip ticket & 3-Week-Home-Stay donated and arranged by City of Osaka Chicago Office & Chicago Sister Cities Int'l Program Osaka Committee | | | |
| | Steven Pelcovits | University of Chicago | 京都からの強制帰国 (Forced Evacuation from Kyoto) |
| <u>1st Prize (4)</u> | | | |
| Display kit donated by Noritake Co. Inc. \$150 Gift Certificate donated by Mitsubishi Int'l Corporation | | | |
| *Category 1 | Vinaya Pillai | Thomas Dooley Elementary School | せいなるガンジス川 (Holy Granges River) |
| Category 2 | Eddie Abraham | Northside College Prep. H.S. | 私を過ぎた風 (The Wind That Blew through Me) |
| Category 3 | Muxing Huang | University of WI-Madison | 幸せ(Happiness) |
| Category 4 | Sisi Zhang | University of Iowa | アメリカで考えさせられた日中関係 (Rethink Japan/China relations in the U.S.) |
| <u>2nd Prize (4)</u> | | | |
| \$100 Gift Certificate donated by NYK Line Inc. & Yusen Logistics Inc. | | | |
| Category 1 | Nur Sucu | Thomas Dooley Elementary School | ふぐ (Puffer fish) |

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| Category 2 | Joan Kim | Glenbrook South H.S. | 日本語や日本文化を学ぶ楽しさ (The pleasure of Learning the Japanese Language and its Culture) |
| Category 3 | John Boyngton | Kansas State University | 180度二回転 (Two 180 turns) |
| Category 4 | Xiangqi Li | Kansas State University | 中国のネット検閲 (Internet Censorship in China) |
| <u>3rd Prize (4)</u> | | | |
| \$50 Gift Certificate donated by Yamazen, Inc. | | | |
| Category 1 | Jareth Gomes | Thomas Dooley Elementary School | スティーブ・ジョブス (Steve Jobs) |
| Category 2 | David Polansky | Bloomington H.S. North | カルチャーショック (Culture Shock) |
| Category 3 | Lindsay Okazaki | Walter Payton H.S. | 健康的なライフスタイル (Healthy Lifestyle) |
| Category 4 | Derek Fuerstenberg | University of WI-Madison | 地震から学んだ日本人の心遣い (The Selflessness of Japanese People Seen Through the Earthquake) |
| <u>Special Awards (4)</u> | | | |
| DVD Player donated by ANA (2) | | | |
| Category 1 | Marissa Kuriakos | Montessori Language Academy | バイオリンと私 (Violin and I) |
| Category 2 | Yeon Woo Kim | Glenbrook South H.S. | 韓国から来たしんせきとすごした夏 (The summer break I spent with my relatives from Korea) |
| Body Composition Monitor & Scale donated by Omron Corp. | | | |
| Category 3 | Aaron Cowdrey | Kansas State University | 「大変」は大変 ('Tough' is Tough) |

\$80 Gift Certificate donated by Nippon Express U.S.A.Inc.

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| Category 4 | Hyun Joeng Woo | Kansas State University | 抱き枕の彼 (A Man with a Body Pillow) |
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4th Prize (4)

\$30 Gift Certificate donated by Ark Technologies, Inc.

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| Category 1 | Dominick Deluca | Addams Jr. High School | 日本の印象 (Impression of Japan Visit) |
| Category 2 | Carolyn Jeon | Northside College Prep. H.S. | 祖父母と母と私のアイデンティティー (My Grandparents', My Mother's, and My Identity) |
| Category 3 | Elizabeth Nowicki | Whitney Young H.S. | 日本語について (About Japanese) |
| Category 4 | Marie Graver | n/a | ボーダーレスの絆 (Borderless Connections) |

JASC Award (4)

Books (1st, 2nd, 3rd Category), 1-year-membership(4th Category) donated by Japan America Society of Chicago

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| Category 1 | Kyle Morimoto | Dooley Elementary School | さけられないさいがい 地震と津波 (Unavoidable disasters earthquake and Tsunami) |
| Category 2 | Gina Kang | Indiana Academy | 人生の成功者になる (To Become Successful in Life) |
| Category 3 | Brian Lu | University of Chicago | 「鋼の錬金術師」ありがとう (Thank You, Fullmetal Alchemist) |
| Category 4 | Erin Nadolny | n/a | アメリカでの日本会社文化 (Japanese Company Culture in America) |

Chicago Shimpo Award (2)

One Year Subscription to the Chicago Shimpo Newspaper donated by Chicago Shimpo

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| Category 3 | Tracy Pa | Grinnell College | 平和の橋を架ける (Building Bridges Towards Peace) |
| Category 4 | Shengyi Wang | Kansas State University | 人種差別、していま せんか? (Are you sure you are not a racist?) |
| <u>Japan Airlines Award (4)</u> | | | |
| Flower Vase or Decorative Plate donated by Japan Airlines | | | |
| Category 1 | Kayla Morimoto | Thomas Dooley Elementary School | クリスティー・山口 (Kristi Yamaguchi) |
| Category 2 | Kamila Grzeskowiak | Whitney Young H.S. | 日本祭り (Japanese Festival) |
| Category 3 | Emily McLaren | Indiana Academy | 人生の選択 (Choices in Life) |
| Category 4 | Michelle Gaseor | University of WI- Madison | バランス (Balance) |
| <u>IATJ Award (1st & 2nd Category)</u> | | | |
| Assorted Items from Japan donated by Illinois Association of Teachers of Japanese | | | |
| Category 1 | Erionna Tucker | Langston Hughes Elementary School | 夢と私 (My Dream and I) |
| Category 2 | Andrea Wilberding | Whitney Young H.S. | 私のじょうねつ (My Passion) |
| <u>Bonjinsha Award (5)</u> | | | |
| Japanese Books donated by Bonjinsha | | | |
| Category 1 | Drew Breun | Hadley Jr. High School | 一生の友だちの健生 君 (My Friend Forever, Kensei) |
| Category 1 | Benjamin Breun | Benjamin Franklin Elementary School | にほんのたいせつな もだち (My dear friends in Japan) |
| Category 2 | Grace Lilly | University Laboratory H.S. | りょこう (Travel) |
| Category 3 | Olivia Moua | Menomonee Falls H.S. | よりよいじぶんをめざ して (My Maturity) |
| Category 3 | Michael Henry | University of IL at Urbana-Champaign | 夢の意味 (The Meaning of a Dream) |

All Contestants (40)

Soy sauce set donated by Kikkoman Foods, Inc, Dental Care Products donated by Sunstar America, Inc.

Special tool set donated by

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All Contestants & Spectators: Snacks donated by TH Foods, Inc.

- *Category 1 (Elementary & Junior High School Students)
- Category 2 (High School Students with less than three years of Japanese)
- Category 3 (High School students with three or more years of Japanese *OR* College Students & Adults with less than one year of Japanese)
- Category 4 (College Students & Adults with more than one year of Japanese)