

The Thirty-Second Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest

DATE: Saturday, March 17, 2018

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Japan Information Center,
Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago
(737 N. Michigan Ave. #1000, Chicago)

Organizers:

Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago
Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of
Chicago

Japan America Society of Chicago
Osaka Committee, Chicago Sister Cities Int'l

Grand Prize: Round trip ticket to Japan!

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Speech Contest Guidelines

Categories	<p><u>Category 1:</u> Elementary school and Middle school students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p> <p><u>Category 2:</u> High school students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p> <p><u>Category 3:</u> College students who are learning Japanese as a foreign language.</p>
Contest Theme (Content has to be student's original work)	<p><u>Category 1:</u> Speech themes must be chosen from the ones below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Self Introduction (2) Favorite Things (3) Interesting or memorable experiences or events in their life <p><u>Category 2 through 3:</u> Any topic</p>
Length of Speeches	<p><u>Category 1:</u> Not to exceed 2 pages</p> <p><u>Category 2:</u> Not to exceed 3 pages</p> <p><u>Category 3:</u> Not to exceed 4 pages</p> <p>The paper for speech drafts are available online at http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jic.html</p>
Student Eligibility	<p>This contest is open to all elementary school, middle school, high school, and college students who reside in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are non-native speakers of Japanese and learning Japanese as a foreign language. 2. Have not lived/studied in Japan for more than two years after the age of 6. 3. Were not raised in homes where Japanese is spoken regularly. 4. Have not participated twice in the same category of this contest in the past
Judging Criteria	Content, Organization, Language, Delivery, and Memorization
Deadline	<p>Application, speech drafts written by applicant himself/herself, and audio recording with the applicant's Japanese speech (one audio recording for one person) must arrive in the Japan Information Center (737 N. Michigan Ave., #1000, Chicago, IL 60611 Attn:Kojima) by February 7, 2018, regardless of the postmark date. The application forms are now available online at http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/jic.html. Finalists will be selected from the applicants and notified via mail by February 20, 2018.</p>

32nd Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest Application Form

1. Name (Katakana)	First:	Middle:	Last:
2. Name (English)	First:	Middle:	Last:
3. Age		4. Email	
5. Address			
6. Title of Speech	Japanese:		
	English:		
7. Name of School			8. Grade/Year
9. Name of Japanese Language Instructor			
10. Instructor's Contact information	Email:		
	Phone Number:		
11. Category	I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/>		
12. Is any Japanese spoken in your home?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13. How long have you studied the Japanese Language?		_____	
14. Have you participated in this contest before?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state the category.		_____	
15. Have you lived in Japan after the age of 6?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state the period that you lived in Japan.		_____	
Did you attend any Japanese school while in Japan?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state the period that you attended Japanese schools.		_____	
16. Please read and sign:			
1) We understand if the applicant is awarded the Sister City Osaka Award (Chicago-Osaka flights and 2-week Osaka home stay), he/she is willing to serve as a grass-roots ambassador for Osaka (Summer 2018).			
2) We hereby grant permission to the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago and its representatives, to use: speech draft, photographs and/or digital images of the applicant for use in news releases and/or promotional materials.			
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Signature of Student		Date	
_____		_____	
Signature of Parent or gurdian (If applicant is under 18)		Date	
_____		_____	
Signature of Japanese Instructor		Date	
Please send this application form, a handwritten speech draft, and an audio recording of your speech in Japanese to: Japan Information Center, Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago, 737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60611 Attn: Mrs. Kojima			

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