

The 3rd Annual Heritage Japanese Language Speech Contest Result

Prize	Name	School	Title
Grand Prize	A round trip ticket to Japan donated by All Nippon Airways		
	Yoshiyuki Otani/ヨシユキ・オオタニ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	Gratitude/感謝
1st Prize	\$100 Gift Card donated by Sumitomo Corporation of Americas, Audio Headset by Panasonic Corporation of North America		
第1部	Taira Shinohara/タイラ・シノハラ	Jane Addams Jr. High School	Just Laugh!/とにかく笑え!
第2部	Ryan Rogers/ライアン・ロジャース	University of Minnesota	My Parents/僕の両親
2nd Prize	\$80 Gift Card donated by Nippon Express U.S.A., Inc. Tumi Just In Case Backpack donated by Mitsubishi Electric Automation, Inc.		
第1部	Ibuki Takahashi/イブキ・タカハシ	Dooley Elementary School	Edo Kotoba (Tokyo Dialect)/日本語の方言・江戸言葉
第2部	Iris Takahashi- Bloede/アイリス・タカハシブレイディー	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	The Light of Hope/絶望の向こうにあるもの
3rd Prize	\$50 Gift Card donated by Hankyu Hanshin Express USA Inc., Amazon Echo Dot Smart Speaker donated by Yamazen Inc.®		
第1部	Harune Nagaya/ハルネ・ナガヤ	Dooley Elementary School	Impressive habit/素晴らしい習慣
第2部	Julia Wakikata/ジュリア・ワキカタ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	Goodbye Grandpa/サヨナラおじいちゃん
4th Prize	\$30 Gift Card donated by Japan Math Corp., Personal Blender donated by Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal U.S.A. Inc.		
第1部	Yurina Takeda/ユリナ・タケダ	Dooley Elementary School	My names meaning/名前の由来
第2部	Anthony Miller/アンソニー・ミラー	University of WI-Milwaukee	The reason I became the King of Pirates/僕が海賊王になったきっかけ
ANA Award	A Model Airplane donated by All Nippon Airways		
第1部	Tamaki Shinohara/タマキ・シノハラ	Dooley Elementary School	Wow! Impressive, Yamakasa/私のびっくり感動やまかさ
JASC Award	Books donated by Japan America Society of Chicago		
第1部	Sawa Ishizuka/サワ・イシヅカ	Dooley Elementary School	It's important to continue everything/続けることの大切さ
第2部	Hina Kadono/ヒナ・カドノ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	A Family Bond that Shishimai Brought/獅子舞が築いた親子の絆
Chicago Shimpō Award	One Year Subscription to the Chicago Shimpō Newspaper donated by Chicago Shimpō		
第1部	Tabitha Scott/タバサ・スコット	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	How to say "Itadakimasu" by English/「いただきます」は英語で何と言うのか?
第2部	Kyla Aoyagi/カイヤ・アオヤギ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	Friends who were born and raised in US/アメリカ生まれ、アメリカ育ち
IATJ Award	Book donated by Illinois Association of Teachers of Japanese		
第1部	Alec Osato/アレック・オオサト	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	The recipe to success/勝つためのレシピ
第2部	Myu Visconde/ミュウ・ヴィスコンデ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	I found my "Chim don don"/見つけた私のチムドンドン
JIC Award	Osaka Expo 2025 items donated by Japan Information Center		
第1部	Zen Nagao/ゼン・ナガオ	Milwaukee Doyokai Japanese Saturday School	Manzai and me/ぼくとまんざい
第1部	Daichi Kurita/ダイチ・クリタ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	Never Give Up/諦めないこと
第2部	Riena Walter/リエナ・ウォルター	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	Heart of Japanese/おもてなしの心
第2部	Riichiro Fujiki/リイチロウ・フジキ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School	My Experience at Jazz Camp/ジャズキャンプでの体験

All Contestants

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