

**The 10th Annual Heritage Japanese Language Speech Contest  
Result**

Prize	Name	School	Title
<b>Grand Prize</b>	<b>A Round Trip Ticket to Japan donated by All Nippon Airways</b>		
	Yumi Chinen ユウミ・チネン	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/J.B. Conant H.S.	what means to connect つないでいくということ
<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>\$100 Gift Card donated by Sumitomo Corporation of Americas, Technics Premium Wireless Earbuds donated by Panasonic Connect North America</b>		
<b>第1部</b>	Julia Mitsunaga ジュリア・ミツナガ	Dooley Elementary School	Dear Professor Jr. プロフェッサージュニアへ
<b>第2部</b>	Ryoga Hayashi リョウガ・ハヤシ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/Stevenson H.S.	Choosing not to rush to an answer 答えを急がないという選択
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>\$80 Gift Card donated by Metal One Holdings America, Inc., The North Face Backpack donated by Mitsubishi Electric Automation, Inc.</b>		
<b>第1部</b>	Mika Ito ミカ・イトウ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/Jane Addams Jr. High	As I Face History 歴史と向き合う私
<b>第2部</b>	Arata Takahashi アラタ・タカハシ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/J.B. Conant H.S.	True Sense of Belonging 真の帰属意識
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>\$50 Gift Card donated by Hankyu Hanshin Express (USA) Inc., Stanley Stainless Steel Tumblers donated by Nippon Express U.S.A.,Inc.</b>		
<b>第1部</b>	Rentaro Ridder レンタロウ・リダー	Minnesota Japanese School/Spectrum M.S.	At an ENT Clinic Deep in the Woods 山奥の耳鼻科にて
<b>第2部</b>	Millie Ger ミリイ・ガー	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/J.B. Conant H.S.	Beyond The Challenge 挑戦の先に
<b>4th Prize</b>	<b>\$30 Gift Card donated by WHITE CUBE LLC, Japanese Art Products from AIC donated by MUFG Bank, Ltd.</b>		
<b>第1部</b>	Himawari Ferguson ヒマワリ・ファーガソン	Dooley Elementary School	The charm of the Koto お琴の魅力
<b>第2部</b>	Sakura Tanaka サクラ・タナカ	Barrington High School	Beauty of Imperfection "WABISABI" 完璧を超える"わびさび"
<b>JASC Award</b>	<b>Assorted Items donated by Japan America Society of Chicago</b>		
<b>第1部</b>	Kanako Giga カナコ・ギガ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/Prairie E.S.	Win the future with AI on our side AIを味方に未来をつかむ

第2部	Kazuma Furuta カズマ・フルタ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/Naperville North H.S.	The Path I Took By Not Giving Up the Viola 諦めずに続けたビオラとの歩み
JIC Award	Assorted Items donated by Japan Information Center		
第1部	Viviane Ayaka Jean ヴィヴィアン アヤカ・ジャン	Dooley Elementary School	the wonders of crafting 物作りの驚きの効果
第1部	Rio Tanaka リオ・タナカ	Barrington Middle School Prairie	Serve as Catalyst SDGs#6 つながれSDGs#6
第1部	Natalie Long ナタリー・ロング	Dooley Elementary School	Why I love history 歴史が大好き
第1部	Kantaro Ridder カンタロウ・リダー	Minnesota Japanese School/Salk M.S.	Thoughts on the Shiba Inu しば犬についての考察
第1部	Kai Senzaki カイ・センザキ	Milwaukee Doyokai Japanese Saturday School/Fox View Intermediate	What a good friend feels like 僕にとっての大切な友達
第1部	Anne Senzaki アン・センザキ	Milwaukee Doyokai Japanese Saturday School/Heritage E.S.	what is it like to have a best friend 親友とはどういう意味だろう
第2部	Haruko Kawasaki ハルコ・カワサキ	Schaumnurg High School	How to start a good day 良い一日の始め方
第2部	Rina Hasunuma リナ・ハスヌマ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/J.B. Conant H.S.	To Little Me 小さな私へ
第2部	Mikoto Matsuda ミコト・マツダ	Chicago Futabakai Japanese Saturday School/Schaumbur g H.S.	what I heard and what I say 声の向こう側にいる人へ

**All Contestants**

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