

2019 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

Date/Time:	Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Registration begins at 9:30am. (Refreshments will be served this year.)
Place:	Georgia Institution of Technology, Howey Physics Building
Categories:	Contestants will be divided into three categories. All categories will require contestants to present an original Japanese speech .
Category I:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school students. • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N4-N5 level.
Category II:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N3 level.
Category III:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N2 level or higher. • College students who has lived/stayed in Japan more than half a year. • Heritage speakers who have taken Japanese language classes within a year. <p>Heritage speaker here means one who speaks Japanese at home but grew up in the U.S. The students who attended <i>Nihongo gakko</i> (Saturday Japanese school) are not eligible to register. (High school students who are heritage speakers are required to register for this category.)</p> <p>Please refer JLPT levels on this site: http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html</p>
Length of speech:	<p>Category I: within 2 and a half minutes Category II: within 4 minutes Category III: within 5 minutes</p> <p>Points will be taken off if a contestant goes beyond the time limit.</p>
Topic:	<p>Category I: 私と日本語 (Japanese language and I) 私の家族・ともだち・先生(My family, friends or teacher) 私の学校生活 (My school life) 私の好きなこと・もの (The things I like)</p> <p>Category II and III: Any topics</p> <p>A brief Q&A will follow each contestant's speech.</p>

Speech script:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contestants must write their original speech for the Speech Contest. Teachers and others can only make corrections and suggestions but cannot prepare the speech for the contestants. • Contestants must submit a brief summary of their speech in English (about 100 words). An English summary will be printed on the program. • Contestants must present their speech in Japanese.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each school may submit three contestants for each category. • Contestants must be current high school or college students. • Previous first prize winners of Category I of this Japanese Speech Contest are not eligible to participate in Category I. • Previous first prize winners of Category II of this Japanese Speech Contest are not eligible to participate in both Category I and II.
Prizes:	<p>Category I: Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place.</p> <p>Category II: First place is awarded a round-trip air ticket to Japan. Prizes are awarded to second and third place as well.</p> <p>Category III: Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place.</p> <p>*The number of people who will receive prizes in Category III may change depending on the number of participants.</p>
Judging criteria:	<p>Each judge has 25 points for each contestant. The full score of 4 judges will be 100 points for each contestant. 25 points are divided into four criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content: contents of the speech, originality (10 points) • Voice: appropriate volume and speed of voice, pronunciation (6 points) • Delivery: expression, attitude, eye contact (6 points) • Answer to a question: appropriate answer to a question asked by judges (3 points) <p>Total: 25 points/judge x 4 judges = 100 points/contestant</p> <p>*High school students will receive 5 points on top of their scores.</p>
Registration:	<p><u>The deadline for registration is February 16, 2019.</u></p> <p>Application form will be shared through GATJ mailing list.</p> <p>Please fill out the application form and send it to: jinnouchi0509@gmail.com</p>

* We recommend Japanese language teachers to become members of the Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese (GATJ) in order to participate in other events hosted by GATJ.
Official Webpage of GATJ: <http://gatj.weebly.com>