

THE TWENTY-FOURTH JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST IN
OTTAWA
RULES AND REGULATIONS

DATE AND TIME:

Saturday, March 2, 2013, 13:30~

ORGANIZED BY:

The Organizing Committee for the Japanese Language Speech Contest in Ottawa

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

The Embassy of Japan in Canada

SPONSORED BY:

The Japan Foundation

PLACE:

303 Paterson Hall, Carleton University

QUALIFICATIONS:

To qualify, applicants must:

- (1) presently be studying Japanese as a foreign language; and
- (2) not have Japanese nationality. (Applicants with dual nationalities, including Japanese, will be accepted.)

CATEGORIES:

(1) **Beginner Level**

Applicants for this level:

- (i) must not have a parent who is a native speaker of Japanese;
- (ii) *must have studied the Japanese language for less than 130 hours;
- (iii) must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of three months from the age of six.

(2) Intermediate Level

Applicants for this level:

- (i) must not have a parent who is a native speaker of Japanese;
- (ii) *must have studied the Japanese language for less than 260 hours; and
- (iii) must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of six months from the age of six.

(3) Advanced Level

Applicants for this level:

- (i) must not have a parent who is a native speaker of Japanese;
- (ii) there is no limit on the hours of study; and
- (iii) must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of three years from the age of six.

If any questions arise regarding contestants' qualifications, the Organizing Committee's decision will be final.

SPEECH TITLES AND CONTENT:

- (1) **Subjects and titles are the contestants' choice.**
- (2) Speeches must be written by the contestants themselves.
 - *If the contestants read entirely from their scripts, they will be subject to penalty points.
- (3) Performance of any kind (music, storytelling etc.) is not acceptable.

LENGTH OF SPEECH:

- (1) **Beginners - 3 minutes; Intermediate - 4 minutes; Advanced - 5 minutes.**
- (2) Speeches exceeding the limited time will be subject to penalty points.

JUDGES:

Three judges including language experts.

CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES:

- (1) Certificates and prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in every category; however, if the number of contestants in a category is fewer than 10, the number of prizes awarded may be subject to change.
- (2) 1st place winners of all categories are eligible to participate in the National Speech Contest to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the University of Manitoba. If the 1st place winner chooses not to attend the National Speech Contest, the 2nd place winner may compete. There will be no substitution in case of the 2nd place winner's absence.
- (3) All contestants will receive prizes for participation.

Applications:

The application form must be submitted to applicant's instructor in the respective organizations by Friday 8, February 2013.