

# THE TWENTY-SIXTH JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST IN OTTAWA

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### DATE AND TIME:

Saturday, March 7, 2015, 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:

The Embassy of Japan in Canada  
(255 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario)

### 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) Speech presentations that are longer or shorter than the allocated 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of all categories are eligible to participate in the National Speech Contest to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at University of Calgary. If the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner chooses not to attend the National Speech Contest, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner may compete. There will be no substitution in case of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner's absence.

(3) All contestants (except winners) will receive prizes for participation.

APPLICATIONS:

The application form must be submitted to applicant's instructor in the respective organizations no later than Friday, February 13, 2015 before 17:00.