

2016 ANNUAL BRITISH COLUMBIA JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

The Annual British Columbia Japanese Speech Contest is open to British Columbia and Yukon residents who speak **Japanese as a foreign or second language**. The 2016 Contest will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2016** at **Halpern Centre, Simon Fraser University**.

The High School Division is tentatively scheduled to start at 10:00 am and the University/Open Division at 1:00 pm. The finalized schedule will be published on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016** on the Consulate General of Japan's website: www.vancouver.ca.emb-japan.go.jp

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend the event.

ELIGIBILITY

Each contest applicant must satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. Is living, studying, or working in British Columbia or Yukon;
2. Speaks Japanese as a foreign or second language;
3. For the High School Division: Grades 10 - 12 students under 18 years of age,
For the University and Open Divisions: 18 or over 18 years of age;
4. Has previously not won the 1st prize in the category for which the applicant is entering this time.

DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES

Each applicant is allowed to enter in one category only.

| Division | Category | Maxim Total Class Hours | Example of Course in progress or completed | Maxim Stay in Japan | Language Spoken by Parent(s) | Speech Length |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| High School | Beginner | 200 h. | Up to Japanese 11 | 3 months | Other than Japanese | 3 min. |
| | Intermediate | 400 h. | Japanese 12 | 12 months | | |
| | Open | Unlimited | - | Unlimited | No restriction | 4 min. |
| University/ Open | Beginner | 250 h. | UBC 103/151 UVIC 150 SFU/Capilano/ Malaspina 201 UNBC 222 Langara 1217 Kwantlan 2201 Douglas 2272 | 3 months | Other than Japanese | 4 min. |
| | Intermediate | 450 h. | UBC 200's UVIC 200's SFU 300's | 12 months | | |
| | Advanced | Unlimited | UBC 300's/400's UVIC 300's/400's | 36 months | | |
| | Open | Unlimited | - | Unlimited | No restriction | 5 min. |

SPEECH TOPIC

Speech topics may be drawn from any field.

For reference, some of the past winners speeches are posted on the Consulate's website.

http://www.vancouver.ca.emb-japan.go.jp/en/culture/culture_speech.htm

APPLICATION

1. **Online application form**

Fill out an online application form found at: <http://goo.gl/forms/0OVh4Xtwha>

2-1. **Speech draft**

Submit via email a file of the applicant's typed speech draft: font size 12 pt

2-2. **Audio recording of the speech (minimum length: one minute)**

Submit via email an audio file in **MP3 format** or a format that is **playable on a CD player**. Please ZIP your audio file if it exceeds 3MB.

Email address: programs@vc.mofa.go.jp

On the speech draft and its recording, indicate clearly the applicant's name and division and category of entry.

NOTE: The copyright of the speech and speech recording submitted will remain with the Japanese Speech Contest Organizing Committee.

Application for entry is accepted until 5 PM, Friday, February 5, 2016.

SCREENING

The Organizing Committee will review all the applications and select qualified applicants to proceed to the final contest. The selected applicants will be contacted by the Committee. **A list of final contestants will be posted on Tuesday, February 16, 2016** on the Consulate's website www.vancouver.ca.emb-japan.jp/en/culture/culture_speech.htm

- NOTE:**
- 1) The applicants not selected for the final contest will not be contacted.
 - 2) Any category that fails to attract a sufficient number of successful contestants will be cancelled.
 - 3) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make final decisions as to who will proceed to the final contest and in which category they will compete.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The major criteria are the speech's (a) content, (b) language use, and (c) presentation. An appropriate length and delivery from memorization are parts of presentation.

- NOTE:**
- 1) Reading the speech draft is subject to penalty. Placing the draft on the podium is for very discrete reference only.
 - 2) The speech length limit is to be adhered. Overtime will be subject to penalty. Overly short speeches will be penalized as well.
 - 3) Winners may not be declared if no contestants met the standard expected for the category.

PRIZES!!

- * A participation prize to all final contestants.
- * Certificates and prizes to the top contestants in each category.
- * Special prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.