

# 2020 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 2020 Contest will be held on

**Saturday, March 14, 2020** at the [Asian Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Campus](#).

The High School Division is scheduled to start at 10:00 am and the University/Open Division at 1:00 pm.

The finalized schedule will be published on **Monday, March 2, 2020** on the [Consulate General of Japan's website: <https://bit.ly/2Xui08B>](#)



**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.	Langara 1217 UVIC 150 UBC 200/260 SFU/CAPU/VIU 201 KPU 2201 UNBC 222 DOUG 2272	3 months	Other than Japanese	4 min.
	Intermediate	450 h.	UVIC 200's UBC/SFU 300's	12 months		5 min.
	Advanced	Unlimited	UVIC 300's/400's UBC 400's	36 months		
	Open	Unlimited	-	Unlimited	No restriction	

## SPEECH TOPIC

Speech topics may be drawn from *any* field.

For reference, past winning speeches are posted on the [Consulate's website. <https://bit.ly/2TMb19h>](#)



## **APPLICATION**

### 1. **Online application form**

To enter the contest, please fill out an online **Application Form** found at:  
**<https://bit.ly/2qjfcz1>**



### 2-1. **Speech draft**

Submit an editable file (e.g. Microsoft Word) of your typed speech via email: Max. 12pt font size, preferably 1 page only (narrow margins are accepted)

### 2-2. **Audio recording of the speech**

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

Send to: **[programs@vc.mofa.go.jp](mailto:programs@vc.mofa.go.jp)**

On the written speech draft and its audio recording, indicate clearly:

1) Your *name* (last name first), 2) *division* and 3) *category of entry* in that order. E.g. [Smith, Jon\_Highschool\_Intermediate] \*Please also name the attached files the same way.

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

**Applications for entry accepted until 5 pm, Friday, February 14, 2020.**

## **PRELIMINARY SCREENING PROCESS**

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 or Consulate. **The final list of successful contestants will be posted on Monday, March 2, 2020 on the [Consulate General of Japan's website](#).**

- NOTE:**
- 1) The applicants not selected for the final contest will not be contacted.
  - 2) A category without a sufficient number of successful contestants will be cancelled.
  - 3) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make final decisions as to who proceeds to the final contest and in which category they will compete.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

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

- NOTE:**
- 1) Reading from the hardcopy of your draft during your speech is not allowed.
  - 2) The speech length limit is to be adhered to. Speeches that go overtime are 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 will be given to all final contestants.
- \* Certificates and prizes will be awarded to the top contestants in each category.
- \* Special prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.