

2014 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 2014 Contest will be held on **Saturday, March 1st, 2014** at **Halpern Centre, Simon Fraser University (Burnaby Campus)**.

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 February 11, 2014 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. **Speech topics may be drawn from any field.**

(Speeches from the winners of past years are posted on the Consulate's website for the reference of applicants)

Division	Category	Maxim 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	
University/ Public	Beginner	250 h.	UBC 103/151 UVIC 150 SFU/Capilano/201 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	12 months		
	Advanced	Unlimited	UBC 300's/400's UVIC 300's/400's	36 months		
	Open	Unlimited	-	Unlimited	No restriction	5 min.

APPLICATION

Please note that you need to fill out an **ONLINE APPLICATION** which can be found on <http://www.asia.ubc.ca/2013/11/27/2014-japanese-speech-contest/> AND send your typed speech **DRAFT** and speech **RECORDING** via email to programs@vc.mofa.go.jp

Application for entry is accepted until noon, Friday, January 31st, 2014.

Each application must consist of:

1. A Speech draft copy

- . Word-processed, font size 12 pt.
- . On the speech draft, clearly note the applicant's name and division and category of entry.

2. An audio recording of the speech (minimum length: at least first two paragraphs)

- . Clearly indicate the applicant's name and division and category of entry.
- . Ensure that the recorded speech is in **MP3 format** or a format that is **playable on a CD player**.

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

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 February 11th (Tuesday), 2014** on the Consulate's website www.vancouver.ca.emb-japan.go.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 canceled.
 - 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 main criteria are the speech's content, language, and presentation, including the length. The submitted speech must be the original work of the applicant. At the final contest, delivery from memorization is expected.

- NOTE:**
- 1) Reading the speech draft is subject to penalty. Placing the draft on the podium is strictly for very discrete reference only.
 - 2) The speech length may be longer only for one fifth of the specified time (1/2 minutes for the three minutes, 3/4 for the four minutes, and 1 minute for the five minutes).
 - 3) The overtime exceeding the allowable grace period will be subject to penalty.

PRIZES!!

- _ A participation prize to all final contestants.
- _ Certificates and prizes to the top contestants in each category. (Note that winners may not be declared if the contestants did not meet the standard expected for the category.)
- _ Special prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and judges.

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