



# The 34th ONTARIO JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

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1. Date and Time:  
Saturday, March 5, 2016, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
2. Place:  
J.J.R. MacLeod Auditorium (MS2158), University of Toronto  
1 King's College Circle, Toronto, Ontario
3. Hosted by:  
The Organizing Committee for the Ontario Japanese Speech Contest  
(Department of East Asian Studies, University of Toronto)  
Supported by:  
The Consulate General of Japan  
The Japan Foundation

4. Qualifications:  
All applicants must:
  - 1) be 18 years of age or older.
  - 2) reside in Ontario.
  - 3) have been studying Japanese as a foreign language.
  - 4) be recommended by a representative of an educational institution. Please refer to 11(2) for qualifications of representatives.

Notes:

- Those who study Japanese at multiple institutions must apply from the institution where they belong/attend the longest.
- In the event that there is a Japanese program in the applicant's present institution although the applicant is not enrolled in the program, he/she must still be screened through that institution.
- All contestants must submit a copy of their speech to the reception desk by the predetermined time on March 5, 2016.
- All contestants must attend the closing session.

5. Categories:  
Please see the conditions for each category below. In terms of hours of studying Japanese, it also includes hours of studying at a primary and secondary school. There is a limit to the maximum number of participants for each category from each institution. It will be decided and notified by the Organizing Committee based on the institution survey which has been arranged beforehand. Please refer to the website for calculation of institution size and the number of eligible students.

	Beginners	Intermediate	Advanced	Open
Japanese spoken at home	None	None	None	No limit
Length of studying Japanese	less than 130 hours	less than 260 hours	No limit	No limit
Length of staying in Japan from the age of six	3 months or less	6 months or less	Less than 1 year	No limit

Notes:

- All qualifications must be met by the applicants as of March 4, 2016.
- Past winners of the Grand Prize or the First Prize should not participate in the same category in which the prize was won.
- Learners of Japanese who have experience in teaching Japanese either formally or informally must apply in the Open Category.
- Those who do not currently attend an educational institution must apply either in the Advanced or in the Open Category.
- Those who do not know which category they are eligible for please inquire with the Organizing Committee by email before they apply.

6. Regulations:
  - 1) Contestants are free to choose the title and subject of their speech. Preferred subjects are those related to Canada and Japan.
  - 2) Speeches must be written by the contestants.
  - 3) Contestants are allowed to prepare and use cue cards but they may be penalized if they depend on them excessively.
  - 4) Speeches must not include the name of the institution that the contestant belongs to.
7. Speech Length:
  - 1) Three minutes in the Beginner category, and four minutes in all other categories.
  - 2) Those who exceed the above limits will be subjected to a penalty.
8. Evaluation:
  - 1) There will be a panel of five judges composed of individuals from varying fields related to Japan.
  - 2) The organizing committee is not involved in decision making.
  - 3) The assessment criteria are provided on the homepage.
9. Certificates and Prizes:
  - 1) Winners in each category will be awarded prizes and certificates.
  - 2) Other contestants will receive participation awards.
10. Participation in the National Japanese Speech Contest:

The first prize winner in each category may be invited to attend the 2016 National Japanese Speech Contest, which will be held in Toronto, Ontario on March 19, 2016.
11. Application  
Application Forms <sup>1)</sup>: (1) Application Form, (2) Referee's Form<sup>2)</sup>  
Address: **ojsc.committee@gmail.com**(Please ensure that you receive an acknowledgement via e-mail that we have received your application.)  
Deadline: **No later than 5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 10, 2016**  
Result announcement: Results will be notified by e-mail by Wednesday, February 17, 2016
  - 1) If any concerns arise regarding a contestant's qualifications, the judging committee's decision will be final. The Organizing Committee will consider requesting the return of awards even after the contest if a false application is discovered or his/her performance was regarded as being dishonest.
  - 2) All applications' names must be listed on the "Referee's Form" submitted by the representative of the applicant's institution or the applicant's referee. If the applicant does not belong to an institution, the applicant's referee must complete and submit the "Referee's Form". The referee must have taught Japanese at an institution in Ontario within the last five years.