

## **2019 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 2019 Contest will be held on

**Saturday, March 2, 2019** at the **University of British Columbia (venue: TBA)**

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 **Monday, February 18, 2019** on the **Consulate General of Japan's website**.

<b>Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend the event.</b>
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### **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.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Maxim Total Class Hours</b>	<b>Example of Course in progress or completed</b>	<b>Maxim Stay in Japan</b>	<b>Language Spoken by Parent(s)</b>	<b>Speech Length</b>
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, some of the past winners speeches are posted on the **Consulate's website**.

## **APPLICATION**

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

Fill out an online application form found at:

<https://asia.ubc.ca/events/event/2019-bc-japanese-speech-contest/>

### 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 computer**. Please **ZIP your audio file if it exceeds 3MB.**

Email address: [programs@vc.mofa.go.jp](mailto:programs@vc.mofa.go.jp)

On the speech draft and its recording, indicate clearly

1) The applicant's *name* (last name first), 2) *division* and 3) *category of entry* in that order. E.g.

[Smith, Jon\_Highschool\_Intermediate] \*Please also name the files the same way.

**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, Monday, February 4, 2019.**

## **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. **The list of final contestants will be posted on Monday, February 18, 2019 on the Consulate's website.**

- 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.