

2015 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

Date/Time:	Saturday, March 7, 2015 Registration begins at 9:30am.
Place:	Kennesaw State University, Prillaman Health Sciences Building
Categories:	Contestants will be divided into two categories. Both categories will require contestants to <u>present a memorized recitation of their own original Japanese speech on any topic.</u>
Category I:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school students • College students who have completed or are taking 1st year or 2nd year college Japanese courses
Category II:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College students who have completed or are taking 3rd year or above college Japanese courses
Length of speech:	Category I: within 3 minutes, Category II: within 5 minutes Points will be taken off if a contestant goes beyond the time limit.
Topic:	Any topic is acceptable. A brief Q&A will follow each contestant's speech.
Speech script:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contestants must write their original speech for the Speech Contest. Teachers and other people can only make corrections and suggestions and cannot prepare the speech for contestants. • Contestants must submit a brief summary of their speech in English (about 100 words). English summary will be printed on the program. • Contestants must present their speech in Japanese.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each school may submit three contestants for each category. • Contestants must be current high school or college students. • Contestants have not lived in Japan for more than 2 years. • Contestants come from homes where Japanese is not spoken regularly. • Previous first prize winners of Category I of Georgia Speech Contest are not eligible to participate in Category I. • Previous first prize winners of Category II of Georgia Speech Contest are not eligible to participate in both Category I and II. <p>* Although it is NOT mandatory for teachers to be members of Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese (GATJ) to participate this Speech Contest, it is strongly recommended to promote your Japanese program by participating other events hosted by GATJ. About GATJ: https://sites.google.com/site/gatjweb/home</p>
Prizes:	Category 1: Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place. Category 2: First place is a round-trip air ticket to Japan, prizes also awarded to second and third place.
Judging criteria:	Each judge has 25 points for each contestant. The full score of 4 judges will be 100 points for each contestant. 25 points are divided into the four criteria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contents : contents of the speech, originality (10 points) • Voice: appropriate volume and speed of voice, pronunciation (5 points)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivery: expression, attitude, eye contact (5 points)• Answer to a question: appropriate answer to a question asked by judges (5 points) <p>Total: 25 points/judge x 4 judges = 100 points/contestant</p>
Registration:	The deadline for registration is Sunday, February 20, 2015.