

## 2015 JAPAN ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Date:	Saturday, March 7, 2015 Registration begins at 9:30am.
Place:	Kennesaw State University, Prillaman Health Sciences Building
Levels:	Contestants will be divided into four levels.  Level 1: • Students enrolled in first year high school-level Japanese language study Level 2: • Students enrolled in second year high school-level Japanese language study Level 3: • Students enrolled in third year high school-level Japanese language study Level 4: • Students enrolled in fourth year high school-level Japanese language study
Number of students in each level.	2-3 students per team • The students of virtual schools may pair up with the students from other virtual schools • Each school may submit two teams for each level.
Topic:	Japanese history, geography, language, current events, and other cultural aspects
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each school may submit up to two teams for each level.</li> <li>• Contestants must be current high school students.</li> <li>• Contestants have not lived in Japan for more than 3 months.</li> <li>• Contestants come from homes where Japanese is not spoken regularly.</li> </ul> * Although it is NOT mandatory for teachers to be members of Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese (GATJ) to participate this Japan Academic Challenge, it is strongly recommended to promote your Japanese program by participating other events hosted by GATJ. About GATJ: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/gatjweb/home">https://sites.google.com/site/gatjweb/home</a>
Format of the competition:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The three Judges will judge throughout the competition.</li> <li>• An emcee will read the questions throughout the competition</li> <li>• Only the Final Round is open to audiences.</li> </ul> <p><u>Preliminary Round</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each level will have one preliminary round.</li> <li>• Preliminary Round will have 20 questions and 2 Bonus questions.</li> <li>• 20 questions value at 10 points each, and Bonus questions value at 5 points each.</li> <li>• Questions are read only once.</li> <li>• During the preliminary round, each team has 30 seconds to write an answer on a provided answer sheet. Conferring is allowed between team members. Any member of the team may write the answer(s) to the question.</li> <li>• The three teams with the highest score on preliminary round go on to the Final Round.</li> </ul> <p><u>Final Round</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are two rounds of competition: 1) a Team Round of 10 Team Questions valued at 10 points each, and 2) a Toss-Up Round of 10 Toss-Up Questions and 2 Bonus Questions valued at 5 points each.</li> <li>• During the Team Round, each team has 30 seconds to write an answer on the mini-boards. Conferring is allowed between team members in the Team Round</li> </ul>

	<p>only. Any member of the team may write the answer(s) to the question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the Toss-Up Round, teams will have 30 seconds to “ring-in” to signal their answer. However, a person who has rung in does not have 30 seconds to give his/her answer. The answer must be given immediately, so ring in only when you are prepared to answer.</li> <li>• <b>NO CONFERRING IS ALLOWED IN THE TOSS-UP ROUND.</b> The team member who “rings-in” must answer the question.</li> <li>• During the Toss-up Round, teams responding before a question has been read completely, will not have the benefit of having the question re-read.</li> <li>• In the event that there is a tie "ring-in" on a Toss-Up Question, all teams signaling will be asked to write their answer on the paper provided.</li> <li>• After a team “rings-in,” the team members who rang-in must wait to be recognized by the Moderator’s Aid.</li> <li>• In case of a tie-breaker, all teams should remain in the area. Students who leave the competition area may be disqualified.</li> </ul>
Causes for Disqualification:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students leaving the competition site</li> <li>• Use of offensive language</li> <li>• Challenging or showing a lack of respect to the moderators, judges, or event staff</li> </ul>
Prizes:	Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place
Registration:	The deadline for registration is Sunday, February 20, 2015.