# 2020 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

| Date/Time: | Saturday, **March 7, 2020** from 12:00-4:00pm  
Registration begins at 11:30am.  
*Please have lunch before comes to the site. |
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<td>Place:</td>
<td>Mercer University Atlanta Campus, Cecil B. Day Hall</td>
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<td>Categories:</td>
<td>Contestants will be divided into four categories. All categories will require contestants to present an <strong>original Japanese speech</strong>.</td>
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<td>Category I:</td>
<td>• High school students</td>
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<td>Category II:</td>
<td>• College students whose Japanese is JLPT N4-N5 level</td>
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<td>Category III:</td>
<td>• College students whose Japanese is JLPT N3 level</td>
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| Category IV: | • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N2 level or higher  
• College students who has lived/ stayed in Japan for more than a half year.  
• Heritage speakers who have taken Japanese language class within a year. Heritage speaker here means one who speaks Japanese at home but grew up in the U.S. The students who attended *Nihongo gakko* (Saturday Japanese school) are not eligible to register. (High school students who are heritage speakers are required to register for this category.) |
| Please refer JLPT levels on this site: [http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html](http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html) |
| Length of speech: | Category I and II: within 2 and a half minutes  
Category III: within 4 minutes,  
Category IV: within 5 minutes  
Points will be taken off if a contestant goes beyond the time limit. |
| Topic: | Category I and II: 私と日本語(Japanese language and I), 私の家族・ともだち・先生(My family, friends or teacher), 私の学校生活(My school life), 私の好きなこと・もの(The things I like)  
Category III and IV: Any topics |
| Q&A | Category I: A brief question will be expected AFTER each contestant finishes one’s speech.  
Category II-IV: A brief question will be expected BEFORE each contestant starts one’s speech.  
MC will ask them a simple question such as “「週末よく何をしますか(What do you do on weekends?)」 and 「趣味はなんですか(What is your hobby?)」等”. Sample questions will be disclosed via email when it comes close to the date. |
| Speech script: | • Contestants must write their original speech for the Speech Contest. Teachers and others can only make corrections and suggestions and cannot prepare the speech for the contestants.  
• Contestants must present their speech in Japanese.  
• Contestants must submit the Title of their speech in both Japanese and English. |
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| Eligibility: | • Each school may submit three contestants for each category.  
• Contestants must be current high school or college students.  
• Previous first prize winners of Category I of this Japanese Speech Contest are not eligible to participate in Category I.  
• Previous first prize winners of Category II of this Japanese Speech Contest are not eligible to participate in Category II.  
• Previous first prize winners of Category III of this Japanese Speech Contest are not eligible to participate in both Category II and III. |
| Prizes: | Category I: Prizes awarded to first, second, third place and special award.  
Category II: Prizes awarded to first, second, third place and special award.  
Category III: First place is awarded a round-trip air ticket to Japan. Prizes are awarded to second, third place and special award as well.  
Category IV: Prizes awarded to First and special award |
| 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.  
• Content: contents of the speech, originality (12 points)  
• Voice: appropriate volume and speed of voice, pronunciation (5 points)  
• Delivery: expression, attitude, eye contact (8 points)  
Total: 25 points/judge x 4 judges = 100 points/contestant |
| Registration: | The deadline for registration is **February 7, 2020.**  
Application form will be shared through GATJ mailing list.  
Please fill out the application form and send it to:  
jinnouchi0509@gmail.com |

*We require at least one Japanese language teacher to become members of the Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese (GATJ) in order to participate in the contest.*  
**Official Webpage of GATJ:** [http://gatj.weebly.com](http://gatj.weebly.com)