2018 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

| Date/Time:          | Saturday, **March 3, 2018** from 12:00-4:00pm  
|                    | Registration begins at 11:30am.  
|                    | *Participants may bring in light snacks, but please have lunch before the contest starts (refreshments will NOT be served this year) |
| Place:             | Mercer University Atlanta Campus, Cecil B. Day Hall |
| Categories:        | Contestants will be divided into three categories. All categories will require contestants to present an **original Japanese speech**. |
| Category I:        | • High school students  
|                    | • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N4-N5 level |
| Category II:       | • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N3 level |
| Category III:      | • College students whose Japanese is JLPT N2 level or higher  
|                    | • College students who has lived/stayed in Japan 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: within 2 and a half minutes,  
|                   | Category II: within 4 minutes,  
|                   | Category III: within 5 minutes  
|                   | Points will be taken off if a contestant goes beyond the time limit. |
| Topic:             | Category I: 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 II and III: Any topics  
|                   | A brief Q&A will follow each contestant’s speech. |
| 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 submit a brief summary of their speech in English (about 100 words). An English summary will be printed on the program.  
|                   | • Contestants must present their speech in Japanese. |
| 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 both Category I and II.

Prizes:
Category 1: Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place.
Category 2: First place is awarded a round-trip air ticket to Japan. Prizes are awarded to second and third place as well.
Category 3: Prizes awarded to first, 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.

• Content: contents of the speech, originality (10 points)
• Voice: appropriate volume and speed of voice, pronunciation (6 points)
• Delivery: expression, attitude, eye contact (6 points)
• Answer to a question: appropriate answer to a question asked by judges (3 points)

Total: 25 points/judge x 4 judges = 100 points/contestant
*High school students will receive 5 points on top of their scores.

Registration:
The deadline for registration is February 17, 2018
Please use the following link to register.
https://goo.gl/forms/4anLtcV5lkYj5ou33

* We recommend Japanese language teachers to become members of the Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese (GATJ) in order to participate in other events hosted by GATJ.
Official Webpage of GATJ: http://gatj.weebly.com