# 2019 JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

| Date/Time: | Saturday, **March 2, 2019** from 10:00am - 2:00pm.  
| Registration begins at 9:30am.  
| (Refreshments will be served this year.) |
| Place: | Georgia Institution of Technology, Howey Physics Building |
| 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 half a year.  
| | • Heritage speakers who have taken Japanese language classes 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.) |
| 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: *私が日本語*(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. |
| | Please refer JLPT levels on this site: [http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html](http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html) |
### Speech script:
- Contestants must write their original speech for the Speech Contest. Teachers and others can only make corrections and suggestions but 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 I**: Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place.
- **Category II**: First place is awarded a round-trip air ticket to Japan. Prizes are awarded to second and third place as well.
- **Category III**: Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place.
  *The number of people who will receive prizes in Category III may change depending on the number of participants.*

### 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 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 16, 2019**.
Application form will be shared through GATJ mailing list.
Please fill out the application form and send it to:
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