

# 2021 VIRTUAL JAPAN ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday, March 20th, 2021</b> <b>10:00am – 11:30am</b>
<b>Place:</b>	Online via Zoom (students must participate virtually away from one another - not at the same location)
<b>Levels:</b> <b>Level 1:</b> <b>Level 2:</b> <b>Level 3:</b> <b>Level 4:</b>	Contestants will be divided into four levels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students enrolled in 1st year high school-level Japanese language study</li> <li>▪ Students enrolled in 2nd year high school-level Japanese language study</li> <li>▪ Students enrolled in 3rd year high school-level Japanese language study</li> <li>▪ Students enrolled in 4th year high school-level Japanese language study</li> </ul>
<b>Number of students in each JAC level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Schools must register 2-3 students per team</li> <li>▪ The students of virtual schools may pair up with the students from other virtual schools to create a team</li> <li>▪ Each school may submit up to 3 teams for each level</li> </ul>
<b>Topics:</b>	Japanese language, business/economics, current events, geography, history, politics, and traditional, modern, and popular culture
<b>Eligibility:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each school may submit up to 3 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>
<b>Format of the competition:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ JAC Judges will judge and moderate the event during the competition.</li> <li>▪ An emcee will read questions throughout the competition</li> <li>▪ For privacy and security reasons, the competition rounds will be closed to the public. Only the opening/closing ceremony and the cultural demonstrations/performances are open to audiences</li> </ul> <p>We recognize that you, the teachers, are the foremost experts in teaching and testing Japanese language, culture, history, and current events. <b><u>Thus, to ensure that the event retains the highest level of quality, the eligibility will require that each team's registration be accompanied by a minimum of 3 suggested questions (and answers).</u></b> For example, if a teacher plans to register teams for Level 1 and 3, that teacher must provide 3 Level 1 questions and 3 Level 3 questions. We would also welcome questions from each of your participating students as well. <b><u>All questions should be submitted with the online registration.</u></b></p>

	<p><u>Round One</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each level will have Preliminary Round for all participating teams.</li> <li>▪ Round One will have 10 Team Questions valued at 10 points each (point will not be deducted for wrong answers).</li> <li>▪ Questions are asked only once.</li> <li>▪ During the Preliminary Round, each student from each participating will have 30 seconds to answer each question through the provided online platform via Google Quiz. Conferring is not allowed between team members. Each member of the team must answer questions.</li> <li>▪ The average of all scores of each student will constitute that team's score for the Preliminary Round. All teams will participate in Round One and compete in Round 2 as well.</li> </ul> <p><u>Round Two:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ During the Final Round, there will be 15 Toss-Up Questions valued at 10 points each asked through an online trivia platform via Aha-Slides.</li> <li>▪ Questions are asked only once.</li> <li>▪ Each student on each team will have 30 seconds to answer each question. The answer must be given immediately without delay as faster correct answers will be rewarded more points.</li> <li>▪ Conferring is not allowed between team members. Each member of the team must answer questions.</li> <li>▪ The average of all scores of each student will constitute that team's score for the Final Round. All teams will participate in Round One and compete in Round 2 as well.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Causes for Disqualification:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use of offensive language or any inappropriate behavior (please conduct yourself in a professional manner as if you are at school as this is a family-friendly event to promote Japan in a fun way)</li> <li>▪ Students deliberately breaking event rules, guidelines, and/or leaving the online competition platform intentionally to gain an advantage.</li> <li>▪ Challenging or showing a lack of respect to the emcee, moderators, judges, special guests, or event staff</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prizes:</b></p>	<p>Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place</p>
<p><b>Registration:</b></p>	<p>The deadline for registration is <b>Monday, March 15th, 2021.</b></p> <p><b>Teachers, please register at <a href="http://bit.ly/JPN-Challenge">http://bit.ly/JPN-Challenge</a></b></p>

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