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# The 10th ATLANTIC CANADA JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST

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**Date:** Sunday March 16, 2008

**Time:** 1:30pm-4:30pm

**Location:** Saint Mary's University  
Sobey School of Business

**Room:** Sobey Conference Theatre

**Organized by:** Saint Mary's University  
Departments of Asian Studies  
& Modern Languages and Classics

**Supported by:** The Consulate General of Japan at Montreal

**The Japan Foundation**

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## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

1. All contestants must be 18 years of age or older.
2. All contestants must reside in Atlantic Canada.
3. All contestants must presently be studying Japanese as a foreign language at an institution officially recognized by the Organizing Committee.

The institutions officially recognized by the Organizing Committee to date are:

Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Mount Allison University  
Saint Mary's University  
St. Thomas University  
University of New Brunswick  
University of Prince Edward Island

Should any institutions not included in the above list wish to register students in the contest, please contact the Organizing Committee no later than February 21, 2008. The Organizing Committee can be reached at (514) 866-3429.

## ELIGIBILITY BY CATEGORY

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, all contestants must meet the following criteria specific to their category.

**1) Novice (Please refer to Note # 3 below for a more detailed description of this category)**

1. Contestants have studied the Japanese language for less than 130 hours\*.
2. Contestants must not have a parent who is a native speaker of Japanese.
3. Contestants must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 3 months since the age of six.

**2) Beginners**

1. Contestants have studied the Japanese language for less than 130 hours\*.
2. Contestants must not have a parent who is a native speaker of Japanese.
3. Contestants must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 3 months since the age of six.

**3) Intermediates**

1. Contestants have studied the Japanese language for less than 350 hours\*.
2. Contestants must not have a parent who is a native speaker of Japanese.
3. Contestants must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 6 months since the age of six.

**4) Advanced**

1. Contestants have no restriction on their hours of study.
2. Contestants must not have a parent who is a native speaker of Japanese.
3. Contestants must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 3 years since the age of six.

**5) Open Category**

1. Contestants have no restriction on their hours of study.
2. Contestants have no restriction on their stay in Japan.
3. Both of their parents may be native speakers of Japanese.

\* Calculation of hours of instruction must include all hours taken by the contestant since his/her admission to secondary education, up to the day of the contest (March 16, 2008). The Organizing Committee will have final word on the eligibility and placement of participants in the appropriate category.

**Note:**

1. Students who have taken part in the contest before may compete in a higher category only. Participants who have competed once in the Open category, and not won the 1st prize, may

compete a second time in this category. Participants who have competed twice in the Open category are no longer eligible.

2. Open Category will be included in the Atlantic Speech Contest, but not in the National Contest. **Therefore, the winner in this category will NOT be invited to the National contest.**
3. The Novice Category is a non-competitive category for students who wish to participate without receiving judgement. Participants will receive recognition for their participation but **they will NOT be eligible to participate in the national speech competition.**

## TITLE AND CONTENT OF THE SPEECHES

Contestants are free to choose their title and subject, and must write their speech themselves. Those who read their speech will be penalized.

## SPEECH DURATION

Novice	3 minutes
Beginners:	3 minutes
Intermediates:	4 minutes
Advanced:	5 minutes
Open:	5 minutes

- \* A contestant whose speech is significantly over or under the time limit will be penalized.

## TO PARTICIPATE

Registration forms must be completed and received by **both the following two organizations by 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2008.**

**Japanese Speech Contest  
c/o Consulate General of Japan  
600 de la Gauchetiere St. West Suite 2120  
Montreal, (Québec) H3B 4L8  
Tel: (514) 866-3429  
Fax: (514) 395-6000**

**Japanese Speech Contest  
c/o Charles Beaupre  
Department of Asian Studies, Saint Mary's University  
923 Robie Street, Halifax  
Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3  
Fax: (902) 491-8694**

## CERTIFICATES & PRIZES

Certificates and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category at the Jury's discretion (except in the novice category). Special prizes may be awarded to contestants whose performance was noteworthy.

## PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL CONTEST

The best contestants, designated at the Jury's discretion among the 1st place winners in each category (**except Open and Novice**), will be invited to take part in the National Contest to be held at University of Alberta on Saturday March 29, 2008. If, for any reason, the 1st place winner cannot participate in the National Contest, the Organizing Committee may decide to recommend the 2nd place winner.