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# The 12th ATLANTIC CANADA JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST

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**Date/time:** Saturday March 13, 2010

**Reception lunch** 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

**Speech Contest** 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. (approx.)

**Place:** Mount Allison University

**Reception lunch:** Tweedy Hall foyer, Wallace McCain Student Centre

**Speech Contest:** Tweedy Hall, Wallace McCain Student Centre

**Organized by:** Mount Allison University

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

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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 19, 2010. 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Open Category**

1. Contestants have no restriction on their hours of study.
2. Contestants have no restriction on their stay in Japan.
3. Both or either of the parents may be native speakers of Japanese as long as the contestants are studying Japanese as a foreign language.

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- 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 National Contest, March 28, 2010.** The Organizing Committee will have final word on the eligibility and placement of participants in the appropriate category.
  - 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.
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Note:

This year, all four Categories will be included in the Atlantic Canada Speech Contest **as well as in the National Contest.** In order to make our participation in the National Contest smooth, the eligibility rules for the Atlantic Canada Contest are made consistent with the National Contest' rules. In particular, we wish to draw your attention to the following changes:

- 1) Beginner's study hours must be less than 130 hours, not less than 110 hours.
- 2) Calculation of study hours must include all hours up to the day of the National Contest, **March 28, 2010**, not the day of the Atlantic Canada Contest.
- 3) Contestants must be 18 years of age or older.

## 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

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

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

## TO PARTICIPATE

Registration forms will be sent to the Japanese language instructors of participating institutions. The form will be also available on the Internet (<http://www.montreal.ca.emb-japan.go.jp/>).

Registration forms must be completed and received by **both of the following organizations by 5:00 p.m. local time (respectively) on Friday March 5, 2010**, by fax or e-mail. Prior to the submission, registration forms must be verified and signed by the instructor.

### **Japanese Speech Contest**

c/o Consulate General of Japan  
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Tel.: (514) 866-3429  
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### **Japanese Speech Contest**

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## CERTIFICATES & PRIZES

Certificates and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category at the Jury's discretion. 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, will be invited to take part in **the National Contest to be held at York University on Sunday March 28, 2010**. 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.