

The 34th Canadian National Japanese Speech Contest



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The Japan Foundation,
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THE 34th CANADIAN NATIONAL JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

9:30 OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Remarks *Ikuko Komuro-Lee, Chair, Organizing Committee*

Greetings *Mr. Takuya Sasayama, Consul-General,
Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto
Ms. Noriko Yamamoto, Executive Director,
The Japan Foundation, Toronto*

Introduction of Judges

9:45 SPEECHES

9:45 Beginners Category (6 contestants)

10:10 Intermediate Category (8 contestants)

10:45 Break

11:00 Advanced Category (7 contestants)

11:40 Open Category (4 contestants)

12:00 Lunch / Library Tour of the Japan Foundation, Toronto

12:50 CLOSING CEREMONY

Comments from Chief Judge *Dr. Kimie Hara, Professor, University of Waterloo*

Award Ceremony

Closing Remarks *Ikuko Komuro-Lee, Chair, Organizing Committee*

JUDGES

Dr. Kimie Hara, Chief Judge *Professor and the Renison Research Professor,
University of Waterloo*

Mx. Jocelyne Allen *Japanese-English translator/interpreter*

Mr. Tatsuji Hidaka *President & CEO, Mitsui & Co. (Canada) Ltd.*

Mr. Masahiro Matsui *Consul, Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto*

Ms. Ayumi Takai *Coordinator, Circulation & Access Services, OCAD University*

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Marshall Ginsler-Viner

Canada National Japanese Speech Contest (NJSC) was established in 1989 under the auspices of the Japanese Embassy in Ottawa in order to promote Japanese language education in Canada. The contest participants are from the seven regional contests: Atlantic, Quebec, Ottawa, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, and British Columbia.

ELIGIBILITY

BEGINNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Neither parent of the contestant is a native speaker of Japanese. ● The contestant has studied Japanese for less than 130 hours or one year. ● The contestant has not stayed in Japan for more than three months in total since the age of six.
INTERMEDIATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Neither parent of the contestant is a native speaker of Japanese. ● The contestant has studied Japanese for up to 260 hours. ● The contestant has not stayed in Japan for more than six months in total since the age of six.
ADVANCED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Neither parent of the contestant is a native speaker of Japanese. ● There is no limit on the hours of study. ● The contestant has not stayed in Japan for more than three years in total since the age of six.
OPEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Both or either of the parents may be native speakers of Japanese language as long as the contestant is studying Japanese as a foreign language. ● There is no limit on the hours of study. ● There are no restrictions on length of stay in Japan.

BEGINNERS CATEGORY

1	Arman Ahmed アーマン・アーメッド	Break Out of Your Shell! 殻を破れ!	York University
2	Apollo Lin アポロ・リン	Music Is Our Bridge 音楽は私たちの橋	Queen's University
3	Eva Mae McKenna イバメー・マケンア	On the Spirit of Forward-Looking 前向きな精神	Saint Mary's University
4	Evan Morris エヴァン・モリス	My Three Cats 私の三びきのねこ	University of Winnipeg
5	Zacharie Rajotte ザカリー・ラジヨット	Anxious? Do It Anyway 心配? とにかくやる	Univeristé du Québec à Montréal
6	Hokushin Wang ホクシン・ワン	No Worries なんくるないさ	University of Alberta

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY

1	Aiko Aguilar アイコ・アギュラー	Break the Shell 殻を破れ	Mount Allison University
2	Neven Currier ネブン・クリアー	A Fun Way to Recycle 楽しいリサイクルをする方法	University of Winnipeg
3	Michael Han マイケル・ハン	To Be Cool or Not to Be Cool, That Was the Question クールかクールじゃないか、それが問題だった	Carleton University
4	Ava-karie Hislop エイヴァ・カリー・ヒスロップ	Current Artists and Social Media 現代アーティストと SNS	York University

5	Serena Pong セリーナ・ポン	How Not to Have Culture Shock, No Matter Where You Move to どこに引っ越しても、カルチャーショックを受けない方法	University of British Columbia
6	Brady Reeleder ブレイディ・リーリーダ	The Thing I Received from a Setback 挫折がくれたもの	University of British Columbia
7	Eliott Serouart エリオット・セロアー	The Uniqueness of Ginkgo イチョウの独自性	Université de Montréal
8	Jessie Zheng ジェシー・ジエン	Four Things I learnt in Canada カナダで学んだ四つの教訓	University of Calgary

ADVANCED CATEGORY

1	Erica Kim エリカ・キム	A Summer That Was Special to Me 特別だった夏	University of Alberta
2	Jennifer Kim ジェニファ・キム	What the Tiger of 2022 Taught Me 2022年の虎が私に教えてくれたこと	University of Ottawa
3	Joon Woo Park ジュンウ・パク	Ame-Chan in Kyoto 京都の飴ちゃん	University of British Columbia
4	Risha Pelchat リシャ・ペルシャ	Me? “Mademoiselle”? “Xiao Jie”? 「マドモアゼル」「小姐(シャオジェ)」と呼ばれて	York University
5	Qinrong Sun チンロン・ソン	You Own Participation Award 人生に参加賞を	McGill University
6	Natalie Thimot ナタリ・ティモトウ	Musical Therapy 音楽療法	Saint Mary's University
7	Xunqing Wen シュンチン・ウエン	Japanese ISEKAI Anime 日本の異世界アニメ	University of Manitoba

OPEN CATEGORY

1	Michelle Lai ミシェル・ライ	My Nutrition Fact 私の栄養成分	University of Toronto
2	Dzung Nguen ズン・グウエン	After a Storm Comes a Calm 雨降って、地固まる	Saint Mary's University
3	Olive Ude オリーブ・ウデ	Your Own Person 自分を持つ	University of Ottawa
4	Tielia Young ティエリア・ヤング	Undergraduate till 80 Years Old 80歳まで学部生	University of British Columbia

Notes: BC's Beginners Category is equivalent to the Intermediate Category of the national contest in terms of the hours of studying Japanese. Therefore, there are two participants from BC in the Intermediate Category.

NJSC 2023 Feedback Form (Audience)



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