

# The 35th Canadian National Japanese Speech Contest



カナダ全国日本語弁論大会

Sunday, March 24, 2024  
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

# **THE 35th CANADIAN NATIONAL JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST**

## **9:30 OPENING CEREMONY**

Opening Remarks

*Yoriko Aizu, Chair, Organizing Committee*

Greetings

*Ambassador Kanji Yamanouchi, The Embassy of Japan in Canada  
Dr. Walter Davis, Interim Director, Prince Takamado Japan Centre  
for Teaching and Research*

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 (5 contestants)

11:40 Open Category (4 contestants)

12:05 Presentation

12:15 Break

## **12:50 CLOSING CEREMONY**

Comments

*Mr. Takeshi Mitsui, President & CEO, Mitsui & CO. (Canada) LTD.*

Award Ceremony

Closing Remarks

*Yoriko Aizu, Chair, Organizing Committee*

## **JUDGES**

Ms. Mika Kimura (Chief Judge)

*President, Canadian Association  
for Japanese Language Education*

Ambassador Kanji Yamanouchi

*The Embassy of Japan in Canada*

Mr. Claude Demers

*Former Canadian Ambassador (retired)*

Mr. Takeshi Mitsui

*President & CEO, Mitsui & CO. (Canada) LTD.*

Ms. Noriko Yamamoto

*Executive Director, Japan Foundation, Toronto*

## **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

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**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**

<b>BEGINNERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neither parent of the contestant is a native speaker of Japanese.</li><li>• The contestant has studied Japanese for less than 130 hours or one year.</li><li>• The contestant has not stayed in Japan for more than three months in total since the age of six.</li></ul>
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neither parent of the contestant is a native speaker of Japanese.</li><li>• The contestant has studied Japanese for up to 260 hours.</li><li>• The contestant has not stayed in Japan for more than six months in total since the age of six.</li></ul>
<b>ADVANCED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neither parent of the contestant is a native speaker of Japanese.</li><li>• There is no limit on the hours of study.</li><li>• The contestant has not stayed in Japan for more than three years in total since the age of six.</li></ul>
<b>OPEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• There is no limit on the hours of study.</li><li>• There are no restrictions on length of stay in Japan.</li></ul>

## BEGINNERS CATEGORY

1	Louris Cai ルリス・カイ	The Story of a Singer ある歌手の話	Université de Montréal
2	Veronica Exner ヴェロニカ・エクスナ	The Power of Music 音楽の力	University of Regina
3	Liam Jay リアム・ジェイ	Why I Like Books 本が好きな理由	Saint Mary's University
4	Toluwalase Omoniyi トルワラセ・オモニイ	My Kanji Journey 私の漢字の旅	University of Winnipeg
5	Wanyue Wang ワンユエ・ワン	Let's Embrace Our "Chuunibyous" Selves 中二病の自分を探しましょう	Queen's University
6	Sterling Wu スターリング・ウ	An Old Gentleman's Coffee お爺さんのコーヒー	Western University

## INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY

1	Tyson Barnett タイソン・バーネット	Cultural Connections Through Language ことばで文化のつながり	University of Winnipeg
2	Sianne Bassingthwaite サイアン・バシングスウェイト	My Father's Illness 父の病気	University of Saskatchewan
3	Shi Cheng シー・チェン	Love 愛	University of Toronto
4	Kessy Clark ケイシ・クラーク	Fa'aitoitō ファアトイト	Université de Montréal

5	Kelly Deng ケリー・デン	Bitter Coffee and Cake ビターコーヒーとケーキ	University of British Columbia
6	Ji Su Kim ジス・キム	Pandora and Myself パンドラの箱と私	Mount Allison University
7	Seohee Lee ソヒ・リ	What Keeps Me Safe From Myself 自分自身から私を守ってあげるもの	University of British Columbia
8	Yuxuan Lu ユシュアン・ルー	To the Beyond of Faith 誠の先へ	Queen's University

### ADVANCED CATEGORY

1	Tianling Huang ヨーヨー・ホワン	No Doesn't Mean OK 嫌よ嫌よは好きじゃない	University of Alberta
2	Liam Selfridge リアム・セルフリッジ	The Frog in the Well Knows Not of the Vast Ocean 井の中の蛙大海を知らず	Saint Mary's University
3	Hei Tung Chloe Shek ハイ・トゥン・クロイ・ シエク	Views and Allies of “Young Carers” 「ヤングケアラー」の見方と味方	York University
4	Suki Wang スキ・ワン	The Happiness of Being Needed 求められる幸せ	McGill University
5	Wentian Yao ウエンティエン・ヤオ	The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Employment 人工知能が雇用に与える影響	Carleton University

## OPEN CATEGORY

1	Jacky Chiu ジャッキー・チョウ	Canada's Challenges and Opportunities in Immigration Policies 移民政策におけるカナダの挑戦と可能性	Saint Mary's University
2	Wonkyung Lee ウォンギョン・リ	Liquor or Coffee お酒かコーヒーか	York University
3	Megumi Varghese メグミ・バギース	The First Step 最初の一步	University of Alberta
4	Zhiwen Zhong チブン・ショウ	Fortune-Telling Boom 占いブーム	University of British Columbia

Notes: BC's beginner's 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.

## **ORGANIZING MEMBERS IN OTTAWA**

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