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Guidelines for Auckland Regional Secondary School Japanese Speech Festival

Saturday 21 August 2021

Sponsored by:

Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Auckland Inc. "Nisui-Kai"

The Japan Foundation

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Auckland Regional Secondary School Japanese Speech Festival 2021

9:30am – 3:30pm
Saturday 21 August 2021
WG126 Sir Paul Reeves Building
AUT City Campus

AUT is proud to again host this annual event and invites secondary school students from **Auckland** region, and from **Northland**, **Bay of Plenty** and **Waikato** regions, to showcase their Japanese language skills in a challenging but good-spirited competition. **Get creative** and present a speech in Japanese to talk about a topic of your choice!

CATEGORIES

There are three categories, as follows:

- Year 11
- Years 12 & 13
- Open

Just like the past two years, Year 12 and Year 13 are combined into one category, so that our speech contest will align with Australian high school speech contests.

OPEN CATEGORY

Traditionally this category has been mainly for Japanese natives who are on exchange. In this year's contest the category is for any Year 11, 12 or 13 student who is enrolled in a secondary school in the above-mentioned regions and has Japanese language skills but who does not fulfil the eligibility criteria for the Year 11 or Years 12 & 13 category. See the eligibility criteria below for more information.

THE NISUI-KAI AWARD (二水会賞)

The top three winners in the Years 12 & 13 category will each receive the *Nisui-Kai* Award kindly provided by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Auckland Inc. *Nisui-Kai*, as follows:

- First Place: Travel vouchers worth \$1,000

- Second Place: Travel vouchers worth \$500
- Third Place: Travel vouchers worth \$300

We very much appreciate *Nisui-Kai's* generosity.

FESTIVAL

We would like to add some fun between speech categories and make it like a mini Japan Day. So, we invite students with Japan-related talents to come and “show off” talents. We welcome singers, martial artists, and other performers (but please register).

It is a festival! Bring your family and friends and help us create a fun and festive mood. Dress in *yukata*, *happi* coat, pokemon, or any other Japan-related costume!

Contest Guidelines

1. Contest Format and Information

This event is free and open to the public.

Categories:

There will be three categories: Year 11, Years 12 & 13, and Open.

Topic of Speech:

The topic and content of the speeches are open to each participant.

Length of Speech:

2.5 to 3 minutes.

Interviews:

These apply only to the top three Years 12 & 13 participants. At the end of the Years 12 & 13 presentations, the judges will select the top three participants in this category and invite them for short individual interviews in the venue to decide on 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners. These interviews will be in Japanese.

Dress code for contestants:

Contestants need to be wearing their uniform or appropriately formal clothing when presenting speeches.

Registration:

All speech presenters and cultural performers need to register through the AUT website (<https://www.aut.ac.nz/events/japanese-speech-festival>) **by Friday 6 August.**

Number of entries per school:

In order not to make the contest too long, we wish to limit the number of entries per category per school to **three**. Therefore, the maximum number of participants from any school will be **nine**.

Submission:

A PowerPoint slide should be submitted to your Japanese teacher who will forward it to AUT on your behalf by **4pm Wednesday 11 August**. Years 12 & 13 contestants must also

submit their speech script by this day. (Year 11 contestants do not need to submit their speech script.)

PowerPoint Slide:

All speech presenters should prepare one PowerPoint slide of imagery to visually enhance their speech. Please include the speech title both in Japanese and in English on your PowerPoint slide.

Speech Script (Years 12 & 13 only):

Years 12 & 13 contestants must also submit their speech script in Japanese. The speech should not be altered after the script is submitted as part of the interviews will be based on the submitted script. Please type the script in Word, and use your full name for the title of the Word file.

If you are not studying Japanese at your school, please send your PowerPoint slide (and your script) to: Junji Kawai at jkawai@aut.ac.nz

2. Eligibilities

Year 11 Category and Years 12 and 13 Category:

These categories are open to students in Years 11, 12 and 13. Contestants must fulfil all the following conditions to be eligible for these categories:

- Contestants' background language is not Japanese.
- Contestants may be studying Japanese as a language other than English (LOTE).
- Contestants have not spent more than 24 months in Japan after reaching the Japanese compulsory education starting age.
- Contestants have not completed more than two academic years of Japan's compulsory education, either in Japan or at any Japanese school overseas.

The above eligibilities comply with the High School Senior Division at the Australian contest.

Open Category:

This category is for any Year 11, 12 or 13 student who is enrolled in a secondary school and has Japanese language skills but does not fulfil the eligibility criteria for the Year 11 or Years 12 & 13 category outlined above.

Example profiles of students in this category are as follows:

- Contestants' mother's and/or father's first language is Japanese.

- Contestants are not studying Japanese at a school.
- Contestants may have studied Japanese as a heritage language at a Japanese supplementary school.
- Contestants may be Japanese natives and exchange students from Japan.
- Contestants may be non-Japanese who have lived in Japan after reaching the Japanese compulsory education starting age.

Performers:

Any Year 11, 12 or 13 student who is enrolled in a secondary school in Auckland, Northland, Bay of Plenty or Waikato region can participate.

Note that places for performers are limited and registration does not necessarily guarantee a place.

3. Judging Criteria

The marking systems are as follows:

Years 12 and 13 Category:

Presentation	20%	e.g. delivery, memorisation, fluency
Content	50%	e.g. structure development, originality and uniqueness, message impact, justification, engagement
Language	30%	e.g. grammar and expressions, language variety, pronunciation and intonation

The above criteria comply with the High School Senior Division at the Australian contest.

Plus:

Q&A	10%	e.g. communication competence, appropriateness of response
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Year 11 Category:

Presentation	20%
Content	50%
Language	30%

Open Category:

Presentation and Language	50%
Content	50%

Presentation:

- The PowerPoint slide may include a photo, picture, illustration and/or fonts, but must not include a movie clip, sound or animation.
- Props (e.g. puppets, objects, etc.) must not be used. A lectern will be provided for contestants to stand behind and on which to rest their notes. Use of the lectern is optional.
- Contestants should not read their speeches. Contestants may refer to their notes. However, excessive consultation will result in marks being deducted.
- Contestants need to be wearing their uniform or appropriately formal clothing when presenting speeches.
- Length of speeches should be 2.5 to 3 minutes. The time keeper will indicate to the contestant at 2-minute and 3-minute marks. Marks may be deducted if a speech continues after 3 minutes. Any speech longer than 3.5 minutes will be stopped.

Judges' decisions:

Judges will be from the field of Japanese language education and members of the Japanese community, and will decide the winners. Aggregates of marks from all judges will determine the place allocated to each contestant in the order of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. In case of a draw, the judges will determine the outcome through discussion. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The content of the judges' discussion is not open to the public at any time.

4. Prizes and winners' contribution

All participants will receive a participation certificate. Prizes will be awarded in each category at the end of the event.

AUT encourages the winners in each category to publicise their achievements and help promote Japanese language education in New Zealand.

The winners may be asked to visit the offices of our official sponsors, either in person or using a video conference. They may also be asked to present their speech again at an event in the Japanese community in Auckland.

5. Useful Links

The links below are from the Australian Japanese Language Speech Contest Finals organised by the Japan Foundation Sydney. You can watch the winners' speech videos from the 2019 contest.

Handy Hints for Your Speech:

<https://jpf.org.au/language/for-learners/contests/speech-contest/handy-hints/>

2019 Contest:

<https://jpf.org.au/language/for-learners/contests/speech-contest/>

6. Sponsorship and Support

AUT is very grateful to our sponsors:

- Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Auckland Inc. *Nisui-Kai*
- The Japan Foundation
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

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Nisui-Kai has generously contributed by funding prizes in the Years 12-13 category, which is much appreciated.

AUT acknowledges and appreciates continued valuable support from:

- The Consulate-General of Japan in Auckland



The above sponsors' and supporter's contributions are vital to the event.

7. Enquiry

Please do not hesitate to contact Junji Kawai (jkawai@aut.ac.nz) if you require any further information. (日本語でも受け付けます。)

8. Access

AUT City Campus Map is attached below.

Please come in through the entrance of the WG building above Gate 4 on Mayoral Drive.

AUT City Campus Map can be downloaded from:

https://www.aut.ac.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/118919/AUT-campus-map-city.pdf

