Announcing:
Japan-America Society of Central Ohio's
9th annual
Japanese Speech Contest

Wild about the Japanese language or just enjoy a good challenge?
The Japanese Language Speech Contest is the place for you to be!
Meet others who are learning Japanese and who are interested in Japan!
Win great Prizes! Categories for both high school and college students

What to do:

1. Write an original speech, by yourself, under 3 minutes long.
2. Practice it.
3. Tape it and fill out the application form and essay paper.
4. Send in the application so that it will arrive before Wed., January 30, 2008.
5. Become a finalist.
6. Practice your speech.
7. Present your speech on Sat., March 1, 2008 in Columbus (at the OSU Campus).

Sponsored by:
Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO)
Institute for Japanese Studies at The Ohio State University
Central Ohio Japanese Association of Commerce (COJAC)
Consulate General of Japan in Detroit

See details on the application form for categories, qualifications, etc.
For more information or to request additional applications, please contact the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio office at jasco@osu.edu or by telephone at (614)292-4002. You may also visit our website at http://jasco.osu.edu.
2008 OHIO JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST APPLICATION FORM

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ________ Zip Code _______
Phone __________________________ Age ________ Sex ________
e-mail __________________________ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL

Please indicate the appropriate category:

[ ] High School Student
- beginning (1-2 years) advanced (3+years)

[ ] College Student
- beginning (1-2 years) advanced (3+years)

High School/University Name __________________________________________________________
Instructor’s Name __________________________________________________________

Is Japanese spoken in your home? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Have you participated in any other Japanese language speech contests? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If yes, how many times? ________ Which contest(s)? ________________________________

Have you ever lived in Japan? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If yes, for how long? ____________

How long have you studied the Japanese language?

If selected as a finalist, can you attend the Speech Contest on March 1, 2008? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Speech Title (in Japanese)

Speech Title (in English)

Please send this form, one original handwritten copy and one photocopy of your speech in Japanese on the designated paper, and a cassette tape recording on standard size cassette or cd of your speech to:

Speech Contest
Japan-America Society of Central Ohio
310 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210-1219

Applications and speeches must be received by January 30, 2008.
Late applications will not be considered.

For questions, contact the JASCO office at jasco@osu.edu or 614-292-4002.
JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF CENTRAL OHIO
JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST

In our continuing effort to promote the study of Japanese language, and to deepen mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and the United States, the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio, and the Institute for Japanese Studies are pleased to host the Ninth Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in Ohio.

DATE
Saturday, March 1, 2008 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION
The Ohio State University, 180 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210

SPECIFICS
Any topic is acceptable
Presentation must be under three minutes in length (presentations will be timed and points deducted if long)
Speech must be written by participant

CATEGORIES
College or University (Morning)
High School (Afternoon)

ELIGIBILITY
High school and college students studying Japanese who:
- Have not lived in Japan for more than six months;
- AND do not come from homes where Japanese is spoken regularly;
- Lived in Japan for more than six months with your parents and not studying Japanese, please contact our office for eligibility.

JUDGING CRITERIA
Judges will score participants based on their speech content, language ability, delivery, memorization, maintaining time limit and Q & A.

DEADLINE
Applications, speech drafts (two copies), and individual standard size **audio cassette or CD**. CD must be playable on standard **CD player**. Recordings of each applicant’s Japanese speech must be received by JASCO by January 30, 2008. Late applications will not be considered. Drafts must be submitted on essay paper (sample enclosed).

PRIZES
Please check our website for updates about prizes

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