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The 35th Colorado Japanese Speech Contest

The Consulate-General of Japan in Denver and Colorado Japanese Language Education Association (CJLEA) are pleased to announce the 35th Annual Colorado Japanese Speech Contest on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at the Front Range Community College Westminster Campus (3645 W 112th Ave, Westminster, CO 80031).

This annual contest is for Japanese language students, whose teacher is a current CJLEA member, to demonstrate their language skills. These participants can be tutees who are currently working with a CJLEA member.

Categories:

Elementary School: (Skit Only)	Open to all Elementary School students.
Junior High School: (Skit Only)	Open to all Junior High School students.
High School: (Skit OR Speech)	Open to all High School students.
College I (First Semester): (Skit Only)	Students who are currently enrolled in the first year Japanese class.
College I (Second Semester): (Speech Only)	Students who are currently enrolled in the first year Japanese class.
College II: (Speech Only)	Students who are currently enrolled in the second year Japanese class.
College III: (Speech Only)	Students who are currently enrolled in the third year Japanese class.
College IV: (Speech Only)	Students who are currently enrolled in the fourth year Japanese class.
College V: (Speech Only)	All other students.
Heritage: (Speech Only)	Open to anyone who is learning from CJLEA members Definition of "Heritage Speakers": <i>The definition of heritage speakers of Japanese is "a student who is raised in a home where Japanese is spoken, who was raised in Japan, who speaks or merely understands Japanese, and who is to some degree bilingual in English and Japanese."</i>

Rules:

1. **SKIT:** Students in the Elementary will not be judged. Students in Middle School, High School and College I categories will be judged on their skit performances (cf. skit judging criteria). The skit can be of any topic but must be students' original creation. The length of the skit should be **no more than 5 minutes**. Each entry group must consist of **three to five** students.
2. **SPEECH:** Students in High School Speech, College I, II, III, IV, V, and Heritage categories will be judged on their speech delivered in Japanese. Each student must write his/her own speech on **any topic related to Japan** such as Japanese language or culture with minimum assistance from his/her teacher(s) and native speakers. The speech must be memorized and should be **no more than 3 minutes**.
3. Only **one** entrant for each category will be accepted from a school.
4. In order to fairly assign contestants to a category appropriate for their level of Japanese, it is essential for each contestant to accurately report the level of the Japanese class in which s/he has enrolled in the current semester/quarter or previous semester/quarter. Please note that student categories are subject to change in accordance with the number and type of applications we receive. Teachers, please advise your students to provide as much information as possible. If you are not sure which category your student should be in, please consult with the CJLEA officers.
5. Prizes will be awarded to those contestants with high scores. The number of awards may vary from category to category, and in some cases, there might not be any awards given in a category.

We look forward to seeing you all on March 4th, 2023!