

June 30, 2014

MASSEY UNIVERSITY JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST 2014

Dear Teacher of Japanese,

We are pleased to announce that the Massey University Japanese Speech Contest 2014, supported by the Embassy of Japan and funded by the Japan Foundation, will take place at Massey University on **Friday September 5**, 2014 from 1:00 pm–4:30 pm (approximately), and we cordially invite you to enter your students.

We hope this event will be a positive way to encourage your students in their study of Japanese and to reward their achievements. Some prizes, award certificates and participation certificates will be prepared for your students. Classmates and supporters are very welcome to attend as well.

The contest will take place in the Japan Lecture Theatre, Turitea Site, Manawatu Campus, Massey University, Palmerston North. Pay parking is available on campus. The location of parking areas is indicated on the enclosed campus map. Afternoon tea will be provided after speeches have been delivered, and while the judges adjudicate.

The entry form, conditions and criteria are included with this letter. We ask you to read this information carefully. The entry form should be returned (by email, fax, or mail) in the period from **Friday 15 to Wednesday 27 August 2014**.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries, and we thoroughly look forward to seeing as many students as possible on September 5.

Yours sincerely

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ENTRY FORM FOR MASSEY UNIVERSITY JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST 2014

Please note that by signing this form you agree to abide by the Conditions of Entry for the contest included with this letter.

Student's name:

Teacher-in-charge's name:

Category:

School name:

School address:

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Teachers' contact email address:.....

Signed:..... (Student)

Date:.....

Signed:..... (Teacher)

Date:

KEY INFORMATION

Category	Level	No. of Entrants	Length	Topic
1	Equivalent to Year 10 proficiency	2	1.5 mins	Free
2	Equivalent to Year 11 proficiency	2	1.5 mins	Free
3	Equivalent to Years 12/13 proficiency	2	2 mins	Free
4	Open (students who have lived in Japan for 3 months or more)	No limit	3 mins	Free

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. No late entries will be accepted.
2. Students must be entered in the level corresponding with their real ability.
3. Time limits will be closely enforced.
4. Dialogues and skits will not be accepted.
5. Prompt cards may be used, but excessive consultation will result in marks being deducted.
6. Teachers (or others proficient in Japanese) shall only give *guidance* to entrants with their speeches and assist in such a way that the level of grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary is close to entrants' real level of ability. They shall not write the entrants' speeches, translate them from English to Japanese, or correct the entire speech as with an essay. They may only point out mistakes for the students to correct by themselves.
7. It shall be the teacher's responsibility to ensure that only authentic speeches are entered into the contest.
8. The judges' decision is final and no negotiation or communication will be entered into.

CRITERIA

1. Skilful use of grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary appropriate to entrant's level.

2. Accurate and natural pronunciation and intonation.
3. Fluent delivery.
4. Authentic-sounding.
5. Appropriate and engaging content.
6. Readily audible and comprehensible.
7. Confident and composed delivery.
8. Expressiveness.