

**JASCO Mission:**

The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) is a private, not-for-profit membership association of Americans and Japanese who desire to bring the Japanese and American communities together, promote goodwill through the sharing of knowledge about Japan, and provide a forum for informed discussion regarding the Japan-U.S. relationship. The Japan-America Society of Central Ohio is one of 39 Japan-America Societies located throughout the United States and is a member of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

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## 2007 Japanese Language Speech Contest Program

Saturday, March 3, 2007

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## スピーチコンテスト

Since 1999, the Japan–America Society of Central Ohio’s Japanese Language Speech Contest has been an annual event designed to encourage Ohio’s high school and university students to experience the power of foreign language communication.

It is our belief that through this competition, students not only improve their skills and understanding of the Japanese language, but also strengthen the bond of friendship between the United States and Japan through their efforts.

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## Special Thanks

### Preliminary Round Screeners

The Japan–America Society of Central Ohio would like to thank the following individuals who generously volunteered their time to screen all submitted entries during the preliminary round and determine the finalists for today’s event:

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## Sponsors

*It is with sincere gratitude that we thank the following organizations for sponsoring the JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest.*

在デトロイト日本領事館<sup>1</sup>  
**Consulate General of Japan in Detroit**

**The Honorable Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Consul General of Japan**  
**Ms. Anita Savio**

The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit serves both Michigan and Ohio, providing support services to the approximately 16,000 Japanese nationals residing in these two states, while also promoting increased understanding of Japanese culture and people to United States' citizens.



Comprised of more than 60 companies, the Central Ohio Japanese Association of Commerce (COJAC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to bridging the gap between Japanese and American cultures by building business cooperation, promoting mutual friendship and exchanging information among Japanese businesses and the Central Ohio community.



Thank you to Tensuke Market for the generous donation of snacks for today's event. Please stop by Tensuke Market at 1167 Old Henderson Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220 for all of your Japanese food needs.



**The Institute for  
Japanese Studies  
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## Today's Schedule

<b>9:30 am - 9:55 am</b>	<b>Participant Check-In : University Students</b>
<b>10:00 am - 10:15 am</b>	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introduction of Judges and Explanation of Contest Procedures
<b>10:15 am - 11:30 am</b>	Speech Presentations by University Finalists
<b>11:30 am - 1:00 pm</b>	Lunch (on your own)
<b>12:30 pm - 12:55 pm</b>	<b>Participant Check-In : High School</b>
<b>1:00 pm - 1:15 pm</b>	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introduction of Judges and Explanation of Contest Procedures
<b>1:15 pm - 2:30 pm</b>	Speech Presentations by High School Finalists
<b>2:30 pm - 2:45 pm</b>	Break to Tabulate Scores
<b>2:45 pm</b>	<b>Awards Presentations and Final Comments</b>

(Schedule subject to change)

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## Judges

**Honorable Tamotsu Shinotsuka**, Consulate General of Japan in Detroit

**Mr. Kenji Hosaka**, Hazama Corporation / COJAC

**Mrs. Yoshiko Kishi**, Case Western Reserve University

**Dr. Bradley Richardson**, The Ohio State University

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## University Finalists

**Marisol Cerda**

Miami University  
“My Trip to Japan”  
日本への旅行

**Chung-Yang Cheng**

The University of Findlay  
“Firework Exhibition of Japan”  
日本の花火大会

**Kevin Jambor**

Ohio University  
“Working in Japan”  
日本での仕事

**Kyoung Kim**

The Ohio State University  
“The Influence of Japanese Culture”  
日本文化の影響

**Jonathan Lee**

Ohio University  
“Japan’s Vending Machines”  
日本の自動販売機

**Kyong Ro**

The Ohio State University  
“Lonely Yokohama”  
横浜で孤独を知る

**Kenneth Skapik**

The University of Findlay  
“The Present that the Internship Gave Me”  
インターンがくれたプレゼント

**George Stey**

The Ohio State University  
“The Mountain of the Japanese Language”  
日本語の山

**Erin Taylor**

The University of Findlay  
“Why Do You Study Japanese?”  
なぜ日本語を勉強するのか

**Laura Weiss**

University of Cincinnati  
“School Bullying”  
学校のいじめ

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## High School Finalists

**Anjali Alm-Basu**

Sycamore H.S., Cincinnati  
“Music’s World”  
音楽の世界

**William Blankenship**

Dublin-Scioto H.S., Dublin  
“My Cousin Ian”  
僕のいとこイアン

**Lexi Dooley**

Dublin-Scioto H.S., Dublin  
“Bubble Tea, Yay!”  
バブルティー ばんざい!

**Jeehyun Kim**

Dublin-Scioto H.S., Dublin  
“The Relationship between Korea and Japan”  
韓国と日本のつながり

**Kirsten Nelson**

Dublin-Scioto H.S., Dublin  
“Oliver”  
オリバー

**Zach Smith**

Dublin-Scioto H.S., Dublin  
“Disney World”  
ディズニーワールド

**Samuel Snow**

Sycamore H.S., Cincinnati  
“Volunteer Experiences in Japan and America”  
日米でのボランティア経験

**Erica Wong**

Dublin-Scioto H.S., Dublin  
“Japanese Cuisine”  
おいしい日本料理

**Haejee Yoon**

Dublin-Scioto H.S., Dublin  
“World’s Beauty”  
世の中の美しさ

**Stephanie Yurt**

Dublin-Scioto H.S., Dublin  
“My Cat”  
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## Prizes

### Grand Prize

Round-Trip Ticket to Japan Travel Vouchers (\$1,000), Trophy

### First Place

**University Level:** Trophy, Canon Wordtank G55 Electronic Dictionary, Kanji Card Volume 4.

**High School Level:** Trophy, Canon Wordtank G55 Electronic Dictionary, Kanji Card Volume 2.

### Second Place

**University Level:** Trophy, Canon Wordtank IDF-2100 Electronic Dictionary, Kanji Card Volume 3.

**High School Level:** Trophy, Canon Wordtank IDF-2100 Electronic Dictionary, Kanji Card Volume 1.

### Third Place

**University Level:** Kanji Dictionary, Kanji Card Volume 2, Language Books.

**High School Level:** Kanji Dictionary, Kanji Card Volume 1, Language Books.

### Pronunciation and Intonation Award

\$85 Barnes & Noble Gift Card

All participants will receive a gift bag full of items donated by Tensuke Market and The Ohio State University.

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