

# 第4回大学生のための 日本語 スピーチ・コンテスト

## The Fourth Japanese Speech Contest for University Students

**Saturday 21st  
February 2009**

To take place at the  
Khalili Theatre, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS),  
University of London

Deadline for applications:  
Saturday, 15th November 2008

### **Prizes**

- Return air ticket to Japan
- Cash prizes of £1000, £500 and £500
  - Japan Rail Pass
  - Notebook computer
  - Digital cameras
- Goody bags and other prizes!

Prize draw and Japanese  
entertainment for spectators

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## Aims

The main purpose of the event is to improve the speaking skills of students studying Japanese as a foreign language. Through this event, we hope to promote Japanese language learning at higher education level in the UK and Ireland. The contest is organised by the British Association for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (BATJ) and the Japan Foundation London Language Centre (JFLLC).

## Outline

**Eligibility:** University students who are currently studying Japanese as a foreign language in the UK and Ireland. (Postgraduate students are not eligible.)

**Category 1:** Those who are studying Japanese as a degree course or as part of a degree course, who have less than a total of three years' residence in Japan. Please note that those who have attended Japanese schools (e.g. nursery, primary and secondary schools) for more than one year are not eligible.

**Category 2:** Those who are studying Japanese for a non-degree course (i.e. an elective/ optional or evening course). Please note that those who have spent a total of three months or more in Japan are not eligible for Category 2, but may be eligible for Category 1.

Candidates with Japanese parents are welcome to apply.

## Procedure:

- 1: Candidates should submit the following documents by Saturday, 15th November 2008:
  - Application form, including the broad theme of their speech (Candidates are free to choose their speech theme.)
  - Short essay in Japanese about their motivations for applying for this contest. Candidates in Category 1 should write 800 - 1200 characters. Candidates in Category 2 should write 600 - 800 characters. Essays will be returned to applicants with feedback from the executive committee of the contest.
- 2: All candidates will undergo a telephone interview which will be recorded and evaluated, resulting in the selection of 5-6 finalists in each category. Candidates are requested to explain the theme and outline of their speech at the interview. Successful candidates (i.e. finalists) will be notified in mid-December 2008.
- 3: The finals will be held on Saturday, 21st February 2009 in London. Speeches in Category 1 should be 8-10 minutes long, and will be followed by a 5-minute question and answer session. Speeches in Category 2 should be 6-8 minutes long, and will be followed by a 3-minute question and answer session. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in both categories.

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Application forms can be downloaded from the following websites:  
**The Japan Foundation:** [www.jpf.org.uk](http://www.jpf.org.uk) **BATJ:** [www.batj.org.uk](http://www.batj.org.uk)

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