The Twelfth Japanese Speech Contest for University Students

Saturday 4th March 2017

Opening
1:00pm – 1:10pm

Individual Presentation Category
1:10pm – 2:10pm

Speech Category
2:25pm – 3:40pm

Intervals and Group Presentation
3:40pm – 4:50pm

Award Ceremony
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Reception
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Venue
King's College London, Strand Campus, Strand, London WC2R 2LS

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• The British Association for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (BATJ)
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Finalists
Speech and Presentation Order

Individual Presentation Category

1. Polena Lilyanova
3rd year at Imperial College London
Computing
ブルガリアの美しさ
The Beauty of Bulgaria

2. Jiashun Li
2nd year at SOAS University of London
International Relations and Japanese
中国の独身の日
China's Singles' Day

3. Sodam Oh
1st year at King's College London
Liberal Arts
雪の花かき氷、韓国の新しいデサート
Yukinohana Kakigoori, Korea’s New Dessert

4. Callum Sarracino
2nd year at University of Edinburgh
Japanese
シティ・オブ・ロンドン
The City of London

5. Wei Lun Toh
3rd year at Imperial College London
Chemistry
英語の歴史と由来
The History and Origins of English

Speech Category

1. Dorothy Finan
4th year at University of Oxford
Oriental Studies (Japanese)
アイドルとは？
女性アイドルグループから考える日本
What is an aidoru? Thinking about Japan through female aidoru groups

2. Robin Reh
4th year at SOAS, University of London
Japanese and Politics
高齢社会を好機に
The opportunities of an ageing society

3. Karen Kong
4th year at University of Edinburgh
Japanese
大学世界ランキングの意義
～大学が社会で果たす役割の違い
University world ranking: the functional difference of universities in society

4. Jimmy Yang
2nd year at University of Manchester
Japanese Studies
言葉～世界を変えうる魔法の力
Language - the Magical Power that Could Change the World

5. Dominic Oben
1st year at University of Oxford
Oriental Studies (Japanese)
現代日本における美学の重要性と
日本人のアイデンティティとの関係
The significance of aesthetic values in contemporary Japan and their relationship with the Japanese identity

6. Giordano Epifani
4th year at SOAS, University of London
International Management (Japanese)(year abroad)
日本在留外国人の適応問題: 外国人ゲットーから日本人とのコミュニティへ
Adaptation problems of foreign expatriates in Japan: from foreigners' ghettos to living in harmony in communities with Japanese people

Group Presentation Category

1. がいこくじん
Foreigners
University of Warwick
• Kit Ng
• Fabio Priore
イタリアと香港
Italy and Hong Kong

2. もも
Momo
University of Hertfordshire
• Marina Junaram
• Bidhya Gurung
• Seema Gurung
ソンクラーン祭り・ティハール祭り
Songkran Festival & Tihar Festival

3. 宇宙空間のオッディティー
Space Oddity
Imperial College London
• Hans Kukreja
• Ignaty Romanov-Chernigovsky
ティム・ピークの宇宙遠征
Tim Peake’s Expedition to Space

4. フード・マニア
Food Mania
King's College London
• Marcus Choo
• Kaidi Ru
中国とシンガポールの食文化
Culinary Customs in China and Singapore

Category 1
Judges and Prizes

Chief Judge
- Ms Yuka Oeda
  Teaching Fellow in Japanese, University of Leeds
  Chair, British Association for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (BATJ)

Deputy Chief Judge
- Mr Makoto Netsu
  Chief Japanese Language Advisor, Japan Foundation London

Judges
- Mr Shinichi Iida
  Minister and Director of the Japan Information and Cultural Centre (JICC), Embassy of Japan
- Dr Thomas E. McAuley
  Japanese Language Programme Coordinator and Japan Year Abroad Coordinator, National Institute of Japanese Studies, School of East Asian Studies, University of Sheffield
- Ms Anne Rajakumar
  Chair, Japanese Language Committee, Association for Language Learning
- Ms Kumi Casey
  Teaching Fellow in Japanese Language, Newcastle University

Interlocutors
- Ms Mika Takewa
  Teaching Fellow in Japanese, University of Leeds

PRIZES

Speech Category
- First Prize
  • Return Air Ticket to Japan (Japan Airlines)
  • £700 (Baker & McKenzie LLP)
  • Japan Rail Pass (Central Japan Railway Company)
  • Online Nikkei (2 months subscription voucher) (Nikkei Europe)
  • JSTV-i 2 months subscription voucher (NHK World)

- Second Prize
  • PC (Toshiba of Europe Ltd)
  • Online Nikkei (2 months subscription voucher) (Nikkei Europe)
  • JSTV-i 2 months subscription voucher (NHK World)
  • £500 (Baker & McKenzie LLP)

- Third Prize
  • Digital Camera (Ricoh UK Ltd)
  • Online Nikkei (2 months subscription voucher) (Nikkei Europe)
  • JSTV-i 2 months subscription voucher (NHK World)
  • £350 (Baker & McKenzie LLP)

  The three runner-up finalists will receive £150 each (Baker & McKenzie LLP), Japanese gift sets (Japan Centre) and goody bags (JP BOOKS)

All Speech Category finalists will receive a three-month Japanese magazine subscription (Eikoku News Digest)

Individual Presentation Category
- First Prize
  • Digital Camera (Ricoh UK Ltd)
  • £400 (Bloomberg L.P.)

- Second Prize
  • £150 Japan Centre vouchers (Japan Centre)
  • £300 (Bloomberg L.P.)

  The three runner-up finalists will receive £100 each (Bloomberg L.P.), Japanese gift sets (Japan Centre) and goody bags (JP BOOKS)

All Individual Presentation Category finalists will receive a three-month subscription to Nikkei Asian Review (Nikkei Europe)

Group Presentation Category
- All Finalists
  • £200 each group
  • Goody bags (NHK World)

Finalists in all categories will receive “Let’s Read Japanese” textbook set (Oxford Brookes University), a three-month magazine subscription (ZOOM Japan) and Japanese sweets (Wagashi Japanese Bakery)

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- University of Wolverhampton

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