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40th ANNUAL JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST
Victorian State Final 2009

Saturday, 5 September 2009

Carrillo Gantner Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre
(Corner of Monash Rd. & Swanston St. - Melway Map 2B E7)
The University of Melbourne

ENTRIES STRICTLY CLOSE:
Wednesday 26 August 2009

Registration Time
HS Senior: 8:30am
Open Beginner/Open/ Background: 1:15pm

Prizes:

First, Second, Third, Commendations, Audience Choice and introducing the 'Melbourne Osaka Sister Cities Award' – one return flight to Osaka with accommodation available amongst Div 2, 3 and 4*

First place winners in all Divisions will proceed to the Australian National Final in Sydney on Sat 17 October 2009.

First Prize winners of the National Final in all Divisions will receive a Return Air Ticket to Japan

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ELIGIBILITY (Applicants MUST read the Guidelines available at the website below.)

The contestant has not been the first prize-winner of a previous Australian National Final Contest in any divisions.

1. High School Senior Division Students in Years 11 & 12 (No age limit)	a) The contestant's first language is not Japanese; b) The contestant may be studying Japanese as a Language other than English (LOTE); c) The contestant has not spent more than 2 years in Japan after 6 years of age; d) The contestant has not completed Japan's compulsory education for more than 2 years, either in Japan or at any Japanese school overseas; e) Neither of the contestant's parents speaks Japanese as his/her first language; f) Only the first 25 applications will be accepted. and g) Applications limited to two (2) students per school.
2. Open Beginner Division Beginner students of Japanese, Individuals 17years of age & over who are no longer high school students	a) The contestant's first language is not Japanese; b) The contestant may be studying Japanese as a Language other than English (LOTE) at a tertiary institution or privately, but must no longer be a high school student; **c) The contestant has not completed more than 300 hours of Japanese study. However, if you think that your level is above beginner, we encourage you to apply for the Open Division;** d) The contestant has not spent more than 6 months in Japan after 6 years of age; e) The contestant has not completed Japan's compulsory education for more than 1 year, either in Japan or at any Japanese school overseas; and f) Neither of the contestant's parents speaks Japanese as his/her first language.
3. Open Division Individuals 17years of age & over who are no longer high school students	a) The contestant's first language is not Japanese; b) The contestant may be studying Japanese as a Language other than English (LOTE) at a tertiary institution or privately, but must no longer be a high school student; c) The contestant has not spent more than 3 years in Japan after 6 years of age; d) The contestant has not completed more than 2 years of Japan's compulsory education, either in Japan or at any Japanese school overseas; and e) Neither of the contestant's parents speaks Japanese as his/her first language.
4. Background Speaker Division Years 11 & 12 (No age limit) & Individuals 17 years of age & over	a) The contestant's mother's and/or father's first language is Japanese; b) The contestant may be studying Japanese as a Language other than English (LOTE) at a school, tertiary institution or privately; c) The contestant has not spent more than 2 years in Japan after 6 years of age; and d) The contestant has not completed more than 2 years of Japan's compulsory education either in Japan or at any Japanese school overseas.

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J.V. Neustupný, Professor Emeritus, Monash University

Click:
http://www.melbourne.au.emb-japan.go.jp/index.html
2009 Guidelines
2009 Application form
Handy Hints for your Speech

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***conditions apply**