

## Washington State Japanese Speech and Skit Contest 2015

The Washington State Japanese Speech and Skit Contest is the largest and most renowned Japanese Speech contest in the state. Now in its  $32^{nd}$  year, the contest regularly draws over 100 participants from high schools across Washington, from Seattle to Kitsap to Mukilteo. The contest offers students an opportunity to challenge themselves, collaborate with their peers, and show the community their passion for the Japanese language.

Held at the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival, the contest has been viewed by hundreds of spectators every year. In addition, in 2014, the winners of the speech contest gave their speeches at the Festival Reception, in front of dignitaries such as Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and the Consul General of Japan in Seattle, Masahiro Omura.

The Contest is jointly organized by the Consulate General of Japan in Seattle and the Speech and Skit Contest Planning Committee. The Committee is made up of key organizations including the Hyogo Business & Cultural Center, the Washington Association for Teachers of Japanese, the Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival Planning Committee, and the Japan Business Association of Seattle. Community sponsors such as Gobo Enterprises, IACE Travel, Issian Stone Grill, the Japan Foundation, JFC International, and Northwest Student Exchange also support the contest and help keep it accessible and engaging for students.

## **Details**

Date: Friday April 24, 2015

Time: 9AM-4PM

Venue: Seattle Center – The Armory

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