

Report to SFFJLE

2015 JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Language Speech Contest

This is the second year of the JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Language Speech Contest, which aims to encourage learners who are studying Japanese to showcase their language skills in a challenging context. There was no inter-university or national speech contest targeting tertiary Japanese language students until 2013, and thus the establishment of the Japanese Language Speech Contest is a significant step forwards for learners of Japanese and tertiary Japanese programmes in New Zealand.

We had 15 finalists from all the eight tertiary institutions that offer Japanese programme in New Zealand. It was an extremely competitive nationwide contest, with Finalists rigorously selected from each of New Zealand's tertiary institutions. The speeches were high quality and the judges had a difficult time selecting the winners. The results were announced widely via JSANZ Facebook and website. <https://www.facebook.com/JapaneseStudiesAotearoaNZ>

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Our contest was unique in terms of the use of video uploaded onto YouTube. One of the main reasons was due to the travel cost for each participant to gather at one venue from all over New Zealand, but our contest successfully demonstrated that a fair contest is possible with the use of ICT. Judges were able to watch the same performance several times and have more time to find the strengths of each speech and to choose the best speeches.

A prize-giving ceremony was held on 10th of September at UC to congratulate the winner, Brennan Galpin. He was congratulated by Professor Jonathan Le Cocq (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Arts, UC) and Dr Penny Shino (President of JSANZ). Mr Tsuchikawa (Japanese Consul) presented him with the JSANZ Speech Contest Trophy and a return air ticket to Japan as his prize. The winners have been reported in a newsletter of winners' institution. Also, an article featuring the three winners has been published in E-cube magazine, as part of a special issue titled "Learning Japanese."

We hope the participants continue their Japanese learning journey with renewed motivation and enthusiasm, and wish them all the best for their future.

JSANZ would like to acknowledge and express appreciation to the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education for providing extremely generous financial support, without which this contest could not have happened.

The next three pages are part of the result letters sent to the lecturers of participating institutions.



13 August 2015

Dear Lecturer in charge of the JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Language Speech Contest

I would like to thank you and your students for participating in the second JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Language Speech Contest.

The aim of the contest is to encourage learners who are studying Japanese to showcase their language skills in a challenging context. We had 15 participants from eight tertiary institutions in New Zealand. Each participant was nominated as a representative of their institution through a rigorous selection process, thus the speeches were high quality and the judges had a difficult time selecting the winners.

Please find enclosed the results and certificates for your students. It would be appreciated if the certificates are presented to the students at a suitable occasion.

Thanks again for your support for this contest. We look forward to having participants from your institution in the next contest.

Kind regards,

荻野雅由

Dr Masayoshi Ogino (Chair of the JSANZ Speech Contest Committee)



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We are delighted to announce the winners of the 2015 JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Language Speech Contest.

First place:	Brennan Galpin	(University of Canterbury)
Second place:	Simon Hsieh	(University of Auckland)
Third place:	Jay Tweddle	(Victoria University of Wellington)

We would like to congratulate all of the participants and in particular, Brennan Galpin, Simon Hsieh and Jay Tweddle. Brennan will receive a return air ticket to Japan, and Simon and Jay will receive Prezzy cards (\$100 and \$50), sponsored by the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education and the Japan Foundation.

We hope the participants continue their Japanese learning journey with renewed motivation and enthusiasm, and wish them all the best for their future.

JSANZ would like to thank the participants, their teachers and the judges. JSANZ would also like to give special thanks to the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education and the Japan Foundation for their generous financial support.

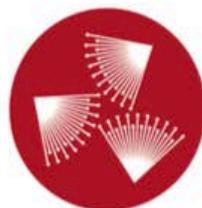
Comments from the Chief Judge

The contest has attracted more participants than the previous year and the overall quality of the speeches was very high. The contestants made commendable speeches with passion and enthusiasm, and we enjoyed the opportunity to judge speeches on interesting themes with originality and strong messages.

Speeches have a power to move and inspire the audience when they are based on what speakers have gained and learnt through own experiences, and when ideas, arguments and messages are elaborated in their own words with concrete examples. These were exactly the elements of the winning speeches in this contest.

The majority of contestants successfully demonstrated Japanese language command with correct grammar, a variety of vocabulary and expressions. Some speakers, however, talked a little too fast, which made it difficult for the audience to comprehend. Some speakers can improve their speeches by paying more attention to the understanding of the audience. There were some participants whose speech missed marks due to a rather monotonous tone, although they gained high marks for its content, development and expressions. There is room for some contestants to improve speech delivery and to develop presentation skills.

We wish the contestants all the best for their Japanese studies. Also, we would like to thank all the teachers and the members of the JSANZ Speech Contest Committee who have been involved in organizing the event.



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Name & Institution	Speech Title
Robyn Hwang Massey University	<i>The Benefits of Learning a Second Language</i>
Nada El Hosseney Massey University	<i>My Favourite Japanese Crafts</i>
Jordan Tuinman University of Otago	<i>The Misunderstandings of Wasei-eigo</i>
Aidan Watkin University of Otago	<i>The Future of Humanity</i>
Toby Birkbeck-Jones University of Canterbury	<i>A Takumi Story</i>
Brennan Galpin University of Canterbury	<i>My Life and Karate</i>
Simon Hsieh University of Auckland	<i>My Wabi-Sabi</i>
Roxanne Yu University of Auckland	<i>My Secret Gadget "Kaiwagomu"</i>
Yeyoung You Auckland University of Technology	<i>Cyber Bullying</i>
Wai Chi Ng Auckland University of Technology	<i>Same Sex Marriage in Japan</i>
Hao Ming Lee CPIT	<i>Don't Bully!</i>
Jolene Skeen University of Waikato	<i>Expression of Masculinity and Femininity through Language</i>
Jazmen Apiti University of Waikato	<i>The Similarities between Japanese and Maori</i>
Jay Tweddle Victoria University of Wellington	<i>Fujimura Shinichi and the Relationship between Archaeological Fraud and Science Fiction</i>
Calvina Deng Victoria University of Wellington	<i>3 Reasons Why You Should Travel</i>

JSANZ Speech Contest Committee

Dr Masayoshi Ogino (Chair)

Mrs Naomi Collins

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UC student triumphs overseas

11 September 2015

UC Japanese Programme student, Brennan Galpin, has won first prize in the 2015 JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Language Contest.

It is a wonderful achievement for Brennan, and UC, as it is an extremely competitive nationwide contest, with finalists rigorously selected from each of New Zealand's tertiary institutions offering a Japanese programme.

The quality of the all the finalists was very high, but Brennans speech "My Life and Karate" stood out.

Brennan received a return air ticket to Japan as his prize for his excellent communications skills in Japanese at a formal prize-giving ceremony at UC.

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Brennan Galpin

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Second place in national Japanese speech contest

25 August 2015

Simon Hsieh, a second year Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Commerce student, has placed second in the 2015 JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Language Speech Contest.

In his speech Simon talked about the experience of migrating from the mega-city of Shanghai to the comparatively small town of Tauranga and finding beauty and profoundness in simple and uncluttered moments. He framed this life-changing experience in light of the traditional Japanese concept of wabi-sabi.

Wabi-sabi is a Japanese world view or aesthetic centred on the acceptance of transience and imperfection, often described as one of beauty that is imperfect, impermanent and incomplete.

Simon was happy that his hard work had paid off and was very grateful to Reiko Kondo, Senior Tutor in Asian Studies, for supporting him in the lead up to the competition.

He is majoring in Japanese, Marketing and International Business and hopes to pursue a career in marketing and international business in Tokyo.

Simon said that "this competition definitely encouraged me to continue on the path I have chosen and to work even harder to reach higher places in the days to come. Hopefully one day I will be standing on the top of the podium."

The first prize of a return air ticket to Japan went to Brennan Galpin of the University of Canterbury, and Simon received a \$100 Prezzy card as second prize.

The event was one of the initiatives of Japanese Studies Aotearoa New Zealand, which was launched in March 2014 to advocate for the learning of Japanese language and culture at tertiary institutions in New Zealand.

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Simon delivers his speech 'My wabi, sabi'

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