



JAPAN BOWL

Japan Bowl Ontario Report 2018

Japanese Language & Culture Competition for High School Students



Presented by
Huron University College and The Japan Society

The very first Japan Bowl Ontario was organized and successfully held by Huron University College and The Japan Society on Saturday, March 10th 2018 at Huron University College in London, Ontario, Canada.

The Japan Bowl® is a Japanese language and culture competition for high school students initiated and developed by The Japan-America Society of Washington DC in 1992. The Japan Bowl Ontario is not an exam. It is designed to demonstrate achievement of knowledge of Japanese culture, society, daily life, history, geography, and current events. For the students, it provides opportunity to challenge and enjoy their study. Our goal is to strengthen students' interest in Japan and encourage them to continue their connection with Japan and deepen further understanding of Japan in their future. We aim the students to become leaders of the relationship with Japan. This initiative coincides with the 90th anniversary of the Japan-Canada diplomatic relations in 2018.

We welcomed 6 schools, 8 teams, 40 students to participate and nearly 50 observers and guests. All the participants competed at the Preliminary Round and challenged a wide range of questions. The top three teams advanced to the Championship Round to decide the winner. We had a presentation from Ms. Nicole Pyszka, one of the participants sharing her experience of her recent trip to Japan on Japanese government's Kakehashi Program. Also, one of the highlights includes dance performance by Sakura Kai showcasing traditional Japanese culture.

Ms. Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan in Toronto as well as other distinguished guests, presented awards and trophies to the championship teams.

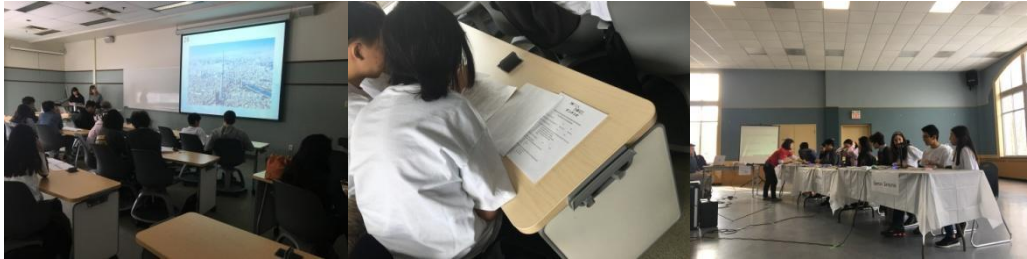
We would like to thank all the supporters and volunteers for their involvement and generous support to make this event happen.



Participating Schools

- A.B. Lucas Secondary School, London
- Ecole secondaire Gabriel-Dumont, London
- London Central Secondary School, London
- Mother Theresa Catholic Secondary School, London
- Saunders Secondary School, London
- Huron University College at Western, London

6 Schools 14 Teams 40 Students



Champions

High School:

CENTRAL A from London Central Secondary School, London, Ontario

University:

TEAM 4450 from Huron University College, Ontario





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Special Guest

Ms. Takako Ito,
Consul-General of Japan in Toronto

Judges

Ms. Deanna Horton,
Fellow, Munk School of Global Affairs
Senior Fellow, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Mr. Yoshikazu Ito,
Secretary General, Toronto Shokokai
(Toronto Japanese Association of Commerce & Industry)

Mr. Koji Tsunoda,
General Manager, Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc. Canada Branch Office

We would also like to thank all the wonderful guests at the Japan Bowl Ontario, who came to share their knowledge of Japan with all of this year's participants.

Sakura Kai



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