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## Japanese Language & Culture Competition for High School Students

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Presented by  
Huron University and The Japan Society

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The Japan Society

The Japan Bowl Ontario 2022 was organized and successfully held by Huron University and The Japan Society on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

To ensure the health and safety of our community and participants and to prevent the risk and spread of COVID-19, we decided to host this program virtually.

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.

We welcomed 12 teams/35 students (1 absent student) to participate as well as volunteers, staff, guests, and celebrity judges. All the participants challenged a wide range of questions through the Preliminary Round. The top 3 teams were invited to the Final Round and awarded with prizes. In addition, all participants will receive gift package donated by donors.

We would like to thank the Japan-America Society of Washington DC and all the supporters for their involvement and generous support to let us continue this event.

### Participating Teams

1. osu sweats
2. N6 ウォリアー
3. けだま
4. Daisymelon
5. I.C.P Rohin
6. Shōsha 勝者
7. チーム・ロケット!
8. ゆず組
9. Maya & Emi
10. Sakura
11. Girl's Gang
12. Team Sean

### Participating Schools

1	A.B. Lucas Secondary School	10	Nepean High School
2	Agincourt Collegiate Institute	11	Newmarket High School
3	Cairine Wilson Secondary School	12	Ottawa Carleton Virtual Secondary School
4	Colonel By Secondary School	13	Richmond Green Secondary School
5	Dante Alighieri Academy	14	St Augustine Catholic High School
6	Glebe Collegiate Institute	15	St. Mary Catholic Academy
7	Hillcrest High school	16	St. Patrick's Catholic High School
8	Lisgar Collegiate Institute	17	Stouffville District Secondary School
9	Markville Secondary School	18	West Carleton Secondary School

Schedule

**5th Japan Bowl Ontario**

Saturday, March 19



- 12:50 Registration
- 1:00 Opening
- 1:20 Preliminary Round
- 1:50 Answer Checking
- 2:10 Culture Workshop
- 2:30 Announcement of the Finalists
- 2:40 Final Round
- 3:20 Award Ceremony



Opening Remarks

Dr. Michiya Kawai

Associate Professor and Coordinator, Japanese Program, Huron University

Dr. Barry Craig

President, Huron University

Dr. Geoff Read

Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Huron University

Mr. Takuya Sasayama

Consul-General of Japan, Toronto

Ms. Yuko Shimizu

Executive Director, The Japan Foundation, Toronto

Judges

Mr. Yoshikazu Ito

Secretary General, Toronto Japanese Association of Commerce & Industry

Mr. Takashi Miyata

Consul, Culture and Information Affairs,  
Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto

Mr. Ken Toyoda

Executive Director, Toronto Office, JNTO  
(Japan National Tourism Organization)



Culture Workshop



Video presentation “*Is Japanese really the World’s hardest Language?*”  
by Vincent Pereira, The winner of Japan Bowl Ontario 2021

Award Ceremony Remark

Mr. Takashi Miyata, Consul, Consulate-General of Japan, Toronto

We would also like to thank all the wonderful stakeholders who came to  
share their knowledge of Japan with participants.

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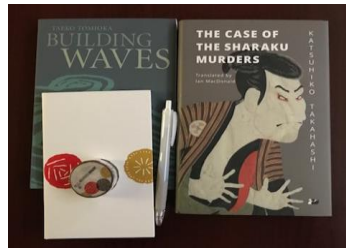
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Door prizes



Prizes for the Winning Teams



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Thalia Standish & Chris White

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- Mackenzie Bishop
- Grant Macmillan Ginther
- Emily Hau
- Kathryn Elizabeth Horne
- Yuhwa Kim
- Sebastian Charles Mckee
- James Scott Mclachlan
- Jonathan David Praymayer
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Ben Ciprietti and Asami Okusawa, The Japan Society

Message for the Japan Bowl Ontario 2022 participants



皆さん、こんにちは。

It is truly a pleasure to send my greetings to all the students who are meeting up virtually to take part in Japan Bowl Ontario 2022. Having started off on a modest scale thirty years ago, the Japan Bowl has now grown into a worldwide movement with competitions taking place in many countries. The role it has played over the years in encouraging students to study Japanese is a truly significant one, and I take this opportunity to thank all those involved in organising the various Japan Bowls throughout the world.

Japanese is a difficult language to learn, and preparing for the Japan Bowl must have been both time-consuming and hard work, with time spent memorising *kanji* and *kana*, remembering historic and geographic details, making sense of grammar, perfecting listening comprehension, and trying to understand curious customs and strange gestures. However, I do hope that had some enjoyable moments along the way, and that the competition will prove to be a fun and fulfilling experience.

I extend my congratulations to all the students participating, and my admiration to their teachers, for their commitment and their hard work. I am delighted to hear that many Japan Bowl participants choose universities that have Japanese studies as part of their curriculum and that after graduation, some go on to pursue careers that are related to Japan.

In the same way that learning English helped me to better understand the world beyond Japan, I am confident that learning Japanese will lead to a greater awareness and knowledge of the world for this year's Japan Bowl participants. Please do remember that human beings and societies have much more in common than they have differences and it is up to all of us to nurture and cultivate this common ground so that we may create a better society for the future.

学生の皆さん、

将来、是非、日本とカナダの架け橋となってください。いつの日か、どこかで、皆さんとお会いすることを楽しみにしております。