### Purpose:
- To apply the Japanese language skills students have learned in a classroom setting to create and perform a play
- To enrich understanding of Japanese language and culture

### Edibility and Rules:
1. Play must be performed in Japanese
2. One entry per person
3. The script must be original
4. **Application deadline #1:** 11:59 p.m., December 18, 2013 (CST):
   - Send registration forms via email to eai@utsa.edu or via USPS (postmarked) to
     East Asian Institute
     One UTSA Circle, MB 1.209, UTSA
     San Antonio, TX 78249
5. Contestants younger than 18 years of age will need parental permission (same deadline as #4.)
6. The play cannot be longer than 4 minutes (4 minutes for performing the play, 2 minutes for setup and 2 minutes for teardown). If a play is longer than 4 minutes, the group will be stopped at 4 minutes.
7. Avoid a "Parental Advisory" rating topic
8. Play with background music, props, and costumes will receive a higher rating
9. Contestants must prepare their own English caption in PowerPoint that will be projected on a screen to help the audience that does not speak Japanese to understand the play
10. **Deadline #2:** Groups that submit the script written in Japanese with English caption using PowerPoint via email to eai@utsa.edu by 11:59 p.m., March 21, 2014 (CST) will receive bonus points.
11. Ideally, each member of the group should have equal speaking parts
12. The contestants will be evaluated according to their Japanese language proficiency level by a panel of four judges along with the depiction of Japan, grammar, pronunciation, storyline, creativity, understandability, acting, fluency, and use of visual aids (e.g., props, costumes, background music, and English caption, etc.)

### Divisions:
1. Middle school / High school
2. University / Adult
*Only 15 groups of contestants in total will be accepted based on a first come, first served basis regardless of their category.

### Entry Qualification:
For Middle school / High school level:
1. Have studied Japanese language at middle school / high school level
2. Not be a native speaker of Japanese
3. Not have lived in Japan for more than 1 year (except for those who had lived on a military base.)

For University/Adult level:
1. Have/had studied Japanese language at college level
2. Not be a native speaker of Japanese
3. Not have lived in Japan for more than 1 year (except for those who had lived on a military base.)

### On the Day of the Contest: (6:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2014)
All the contestants will act out their play and the top five groups of winners will receive a prize.
The award ceremony will follow the contest.

For more information, please contact eai@utsa.edu or call 210.458.8550.