San Antonio’s Fifth Japanese Theater Play Contest:

“This is JAPAN!” (Future Japan) / これが日本だ！ (日本の未来)

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018, 6:00-9:00 PM
Venue: Main Building 0.104 (MB 0.104) UTSA Main Campus

Sponsored by The Japan Foundation, UTSA’s East Asia Institute, The Japan America Society of San Antonio, and Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures
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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 15, 2017 (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. Your PowerPoint background should be black or a dark color, and not be a shade of white, pastel, or other light color. We ask of you for this due to it being difficult to take good photos of participants on stage when the PowerPoint background creates glare.
11. Deadline #2: Groups are required to submit the script written in Japanese with English caption using PowerPoint via email to eai@utsa.edu by 11:59 p.m., February 16, 2018 (CST).
12. Ideally, each member of the group should have equal speaking parts
13. 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, February 24, 2017 in Main Building 0.104 (MB 0.104)
All the contestants will act out their play and the top three groups of winners from each divisions will receive a prize. The award ceremony will follow the contest. First place: $225; Second place: $125; Third place: $75. San Japan will award one prize for Best Costume and Props.

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