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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 Bowl Ontario 2023 was organized and successfully held by Huron University and The Japan Society on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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 5 teams/14 students 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

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脂肪志望

The Power of Mittsu!

Tensai Team

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Participating Schools

Agincourt Collegiate Institute

Colonel By Secondary School

Gloucester High School

Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School

Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School

Merivale High School

Newmarket High School

Richmond Green Secondary School

Ridgemont High School

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy

Stouffville District Secondary School

West Carleton Secondary School

## Schedule

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. Noriko Yamamoto

Executive Director, The Japan Foundation, Toronto

## Judges

Mr. Yoshikazu Ito

Secretary General, Toronto Japanese Association of Commerce & Industry

Mr. Masahiro Matsui

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

Mr. Ken Toyoda

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

## Conversation Time

Presentation by Praveena Saktikantan, *Kakahashi* Trip 2023 Participant

Award Ceremony Remark

Mr. Masahiro Matsui, 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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Scholarship

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Thalia Standish & Chris White

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- Ellie Hodges
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- Sebastian Charles Mckee
- Lily Praymayer
- Praveena Saktikantan
- Yanjun Zhang

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