



JAPAN BOWL

Japan Bowl Ontario 2019 Report

Japanese Language & Culture Competition for High School Students



Presented by
Huron University and The Japan Society

The Japan Bowl Ontario 2019 was organized and successfully held by Huron University and The Japan Society on Saturday, March 9th 2019 at Huron University, London, Ontario.

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 Canada-Japan diplomatic relations in 2019.

We welcomed 8 schools, 9 teams, 26 students to participate and nearly 50 observers, guests and volunteers. 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 Mr. Santiago Munoz Rodriguez sharing his experience of his recent trip to Japan on Japanese government's Kakehashi Project. Also, one of the highlights includes dance performance by Sakura Kai showcasing traditional Japanese culture.

Ms. Takako Ito, Consul General of Japan in Toronto presented awards and trophies to the winning teams and Mr. Terence Kernaghan, MPP, Member of the Ontario Provincial Parliament presented Certificate of Participation to each students.

We would like to thank all the supporters for their involvement and generous support to let us continue this event.

Participating Schools

- H.B. Beal Secondary School, London
- London Central Secondary School, London
- Medway High School, Arva
- Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School, London
- Oakridge Secondary School, London
- Sir Frederic Banting Secondary School, London
- Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School, London
- St. Andre Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London

8 Schools 9 Teams 26 Students



Champion

Sir Frederic Banting Secondary School, London

Ms. Spencer Riddell and Ms. Thoa Tran





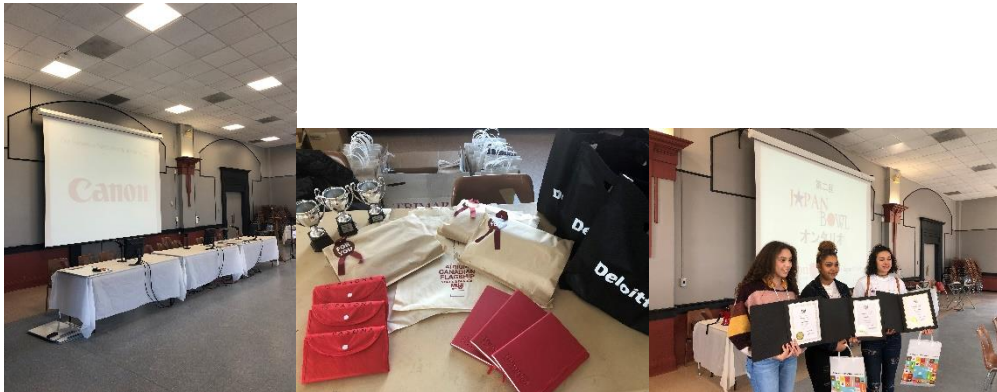
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Judges:

Ms. Takako Ito,

Consul-General, Consul-General of Japan in Toronto

Ms. Patricia Maki

Occasional Teacher for Thames Valley District School Board
and Settlement/ESL teacher for Japanese and other Newcomers

Ms. Tomoko Ohyama

Cosul, Consul-General of Japan in Toronto

We would also like to thank all the wonderful guests, volunteers, and observers who came to share their knowledge of Japan with participants.

Kakehashi Project Presentation

Mr. Santiago Munoz Rodriguez



Visit to Japan through Kakehashi Project



The winners from the Japan Bowl Ontario 2018 were invited to Kakehashi Project to visit Japan in July 3 to 11, 2018. Kakehashi Project is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan's Friendship Ties Programs. The participants enjoyed the grassroots activities and a visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs while they stayed with their host-families.

Sakura Kai Performance



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