

Dear everyone,

On behalf of Ota-sensei and everyone in the Japanese Studies Program, I would like to inform you that the 32nd Ontario Japanese Speech Contest took place at University of Toronto yesterday, Saturday, March 8, and that all of the eight participants from York presented their speeches as scheduled. The official results of York students are as follows:

1st Place, Intermediate: Qianru Wei

2nd Place, Beginners: Gulinigeer Iman

Special Effort Prize, Intermediate: Mary Ralladi

Special Prize, Beginners: Robina Jeyanathan

Special Prize, Beginners: Aida Shokouhi

All of the York students put a tremendous amount of time and effort into this event, and in my personal view, everyone did an excellent job regardless of the contest results and deserves a warm applause. I would also like to thank Ota-sensei and Toratani-sensei for their valuable assistance in students' preparation for their speeches, as well as Inutsuka-sensei who chaired the contest this year.

Congratulations everyone, and taihen o-tsukare-sama deshita.

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