

**SCHEDULE:**

9:00-9:45 a.m. Registration

10:00-11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony  
Contest Speeches  
Closing and Award Ceremony

**JUDGES:**

Mr. Hisashi Onishi (Chairman of the Board, Japan Business Association in Miami; Yamaha Motor Distribution Latin America Inc.)

Ms. Kuniko Osawa (Miami Branch Manager, JTB USA Inc.)

Consul Masao Takagi (Consulate General of Japan in Miami)

Mr. Hiroyuki Tsui (Executive Director, International Affairs, Wakayama Prefecture)

**EVENT STAFF:**

Ms. Satoko Fisher (Broward Virtual School)

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Ms. Satoko Nourishirazi (Florida International University)

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**SPEECH CONTEST THEME: A Love Letter to Japan**  
弁論大会のテーマ - 日本へのラブレター

**CONTESTANTS:**

Jillian Adams  
ジリアン・アダムズ  
University of Florida

Should We Call it "Love?"  
「大好き」と言ったら良いですか？

GiGi Ross  
ジジ・ロッシ  
Florida International University

Wakayama Love  
和歌山の愛

Kay-Ann Linton  
ケイアン・リントン  
Florida International University

Japan I love from afar  
遠くから惹かれる日本

Chandler Schuetz  
チャンドラー・シュッツ  
University of South Florida

Japan, Your Wonders Are Uncountable  
日本の魅力を数えきれません

Lander McGinn  
ランダー・マックギン  
University of Miami

A Love Letter to Japan  
日本へのラブレター

Shelby Thomas  
シェルビー・トーマス  
University of South Florida

The Originality of Japan's Culture  
日本の文化の独自性

Nicholas Nuñez  
ニコラス・ヌニェス  
University of Miami

A Love Letter to Japan  
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Christian Wisneski  
クリスチャン・ウイスネスキ  
Broward Virtual School

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Lydia Quijada  
リディア・キハダ  
Florida International University

My Experience in Bungotakada  
豊後高田での経験

Feiya You  
フェイヤ・ユー  
University of Miami

A Love Letter to Japan  
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**OPENING CEREMONY:**

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Steven Heine, Professor of Religious Studies & History,  
Director of Asian Studies, Florida International University  
Dr. Pascale Bécel, Associate Professor of French & Chair in Department of  
Modern Languages, Florida International University  
Deputy Consul General Masahiro Ogino, Consulate General of Japan  
in Miami  
Mr. Hiroyuki Tsui, Executive Director, International Affairs, Wakayama  
Prefecture

**CLOSING AND AWARD CEREMONY:**

AWARD CEREMONY

Special Announcement by Mr. Hiroyuki Tsui, Executive Director,  
International Affairs, Wakayama Prefecture of the winner of the Florida  
Statewide Japanese Speech Contest (Free Trip to Wakayama, Japan  
courtesy of Wakayama Prefectural Government)

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Dave Woodward, Exec. Director, Southeast U.S./Japan Association