

## NEWS RELEASE



### SENDING JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCRIPPS' FINAL! **THE 9<sup>th</sup> JAPAN TIMES SPELLING BEE TO BE HELD MARCH 3**

Tokyo, Feb.20, 2018 - The Japan Times, Ltd. is pleased to announce that the 9th Japan Times Bee will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Each year, the winner of The Japan Times Bee is sponsored and sent by The Japan Times to compete in the nationally-televised Scripps' National Spelling Bee final in the U.S. The U.S. is the birthplace of the spelling bee and the winner(s) of the national U.S. final is / are invited to meet the President at the White House. It is a popular national U.S. event.

The Japan Times Bee, which was first held in 2010, is Japan's spelling competition for students from Japanese and International schools in Japan and is fully endorsed by Scripps in the U.S.

This year, 42 schools from all around Japan will participate in the Japan Times Bee. Each school holds their school bee to determine their representative participant in advance.

Journalists are encouraged to attend the bee, to witness the competition and to see 8 to 15\* year old school children show off their impressive spelling skills.



The 8<sup>th</sup> Japan Times Bee (March 4, 2017)



Winner of the 8<sup>th</sup> Japan Times Bee

#### **Details of the 9th Japan Times Bee**

Dates: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10:30-16:30 (End time is approximate)

Venue: Japan Times Nifco Hall (4-5-4 Shibaura, Minato-ku, Tokyo)

Organizer: The Japan Times, Ltd.

Supported by: Embassy of The United States Tokyo; The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan; The New York Times

Sponsored by: Costco Wholesale Japan, Ltd.; Yours Corporation LTD;  
University of Southern California; Benesse Corporation; Nifco Inc.

Participating schools: 42

Participants: \*Spellers who have not reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 and who have not passed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade on or before Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

(1 student representative from each registered school)

Website : <http://spelling-bee.japantimes.co.jp/>

☆The event will be broadcast live on the day. Details will be on the website shortly.

## Application to Report on the Bee

Journalists interested in reporting on the bee should fill in the following form and return it by email or fax.

●Email: [pr@japantimes.co.jp](mailto:pr@japantimes.co.jp)

(Include "9th JT Spelling Bee" in subject line)

●Fax: 03-6869-2198



### Application Form

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■Publication name:

■Journalist's name:

■Telephone no. :

■E-mail address:

■Would you like to take photos? ☐Yes ☐No

■Other special requests:

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