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Toastmasters International District 76 to Hold All-Japan Speech Contest at Nagoya Congress Center

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Toastmasters International District 76 is going to hold the Spring Conference from May 17 (Fri.) through 19 (Sun.) at Nagoya Congress Center. In this conference, the finals of Japanese and English speech contests will be held, where six contestants each who won the preliminary rounds among almost 140 clubs nationwide will compete. The Japanese final will be held on the afternoon of May 18, and the English final on the morning of May 19. The winner of the English final will proceed as the representative of District 76 to the 2013 Toastmasters International Convention Semi-Finals in August in Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.



The guests of District 76 Spring Conference include Kwong Yue Yang (Guangzhou, China), a second-place winner in the World Championship of Public Speaking held in August 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada. On the evening of May 17, Kwong is going to give us a workshop titled "Speak and Tweak," which is about a Speechcraft program. On the morning of May 19, he will give an English keynote address on what motivated him to participate in the Toastmasters International and its World Championships.



On the afternoon of May 18, we will welcome Makoto Omi, an emeritus professor at Nanzan Junior College and also known as a leading authority on interpretive reading. He will serve as a keynote speaker and give us a lecture on the methodology of nurturing people's ability to express themselves in English. For further information about District 76 Spring Conference 2013, please visit <http://2013springconference-english.jimdo.com>.

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Founded in October 1924, the organization currently has more than 280,000 members in 13,500 clubs in 116 countries. Each week, Toastmasters helps more than a quarter million people of every ethnicity, education and profession build their competence in communication so they can gain the confidence to lead others. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow Toastmasters International on Twitter @Toastmasters.

About Toastmasters District 76

Toastmasters District 76 is Toastmasters International's Japan Branch. The first club was founded in 1954 in Tokyo; the organization currently has about 4,000 members in 140 clubs. The governor is Kazuko Kawauchi. For further information about Toastmasters District 76, please visit www.district76.org/en.

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