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District 76 News and Events

Let's join Tall Tales Contest! 2013 District 76 Fall Conference in Fukuoka



Have you applied?

This year's Fall Conference will be held at Fukuoka Papillon24 as Hall from 15-Nov to 17-Nov. Have your club applied? Time limit for early apply discount is on **October 31**.

Conference program please see <http://www.district76.org/ja/events/conference/>

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Nov. 15th (Fri)@Nishitetsu Inn Fukuoka

PM Guided Sightseeing Tour 1: Dazaifu by Train or Tour 2 Fukuoka City Walk

18:30 ~ Evening Educational Session by DTM Johnny Uy & Dinner

Nov. 16th (Sat)@Papillon 24 Gas Hall

10:00 ~ Workshop in Japanese by TM Mayumi Shimamura

Workshop in English by TM Satomi Matoba

11:10 ~ Workshop in Japanese by TM Osamu Ito

Workshop in English by Past District 76 Governor Bunzo

PM Opening address and Club Banner March

Keynote Speech by DTM Johnny Uy, 2006-2007 International President

Japanese Tall Tales Speech Contest

18:00 ~ Welcome Party

Nov. 17th (Sun)@Papillon 24 Gas Hall

9:00 ~ Opening address

Educational Session by DTM Johnny Uy

English Tall Tales Speech Contest, Hall of Fame



Area and Division Contest Information

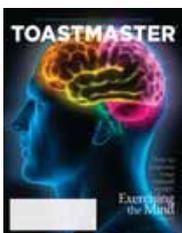


Please enjoy the Area Contest first. Can you still make to the Area Contest?
Please check date/time and venue before you leave your house!
Let's enjoy remarkable speeches by contestants who are competing for District!
You shouldn't miss workshops and outstanding party!

Area and Division Contest Schedule Fliers of each contest are
http://www.district76.org/ja/events/2013fall_area-div-contest.html/

Oct.20th. Sun	Area 44	Chigasaki Labor Citizen Hall	12:30 Door open
	Division A	Fuchu Mori no Geijyutsu Gekijyo2F (Heisei no Ma)	
	Division F	Sakura no Baba Josaienn Versatile Center	12:20 Door open
Oct.26th. Sat	Division B	Naka Meguro Square Meeting Room #5 and #6	13:00 Door open
	Division C	Edo Tokyo Museum	10:30 ~ Work Shop
Oct.27th. Sun	Division E	Campus Plaza Kyoto	
Nov.3rd. Sun	Division D	Kanagawa Museum of Modern Literature	13:15 Door Open

International President's Viewpoint from TOASTMASTER magazine



In the September issue of TOASTMASTER magazine, our International President George Yen, DTM, who assumed the office as of September 1, 2013 referred to Kazuko Kawauchi, Immediate Past District 76 Governor and her belief as below. It is a rare case that a Japanese Toastmaster is introduced by International President in the magazine. Please read his whole wonderful debut message in Viewpoint on Page 2 by clicking on the link [September 2013](#).

Immediate Past District 76 Governor Kazuko Kawauchi, DTM, of Japan, called Toastmasters "jin sei dojo", or life's practice field. "Dojo" (or "dao chang" in Chinese) is a place where practitioners of ancient martial arts, like judo or tai chi, master their crafts. So Toastmasters is the "dojo" where we develop the critical skills of listening, speaking and leading, which constitute our calling as human being

2012-2013 Kanagawa Toastasters Club, Earliest Achievement in 5 DCP Point!

District 76 will provide a set of Club Officer Pins, worth \$60, to 15 clubs that achieve 5 DCP points early. We had an interview with TM Mitsuyasu Hirobe, President of Kanagawa Toastmasters Club which made the earliest achievement.

1. **Q: What do you think is the reason that Kanagawa TMC achieved DCP 5 points so fast?**

TM Hirobe: I think it so happened. The timing that the each member achieved DCP was good.

2. **Q: Kanagawa TMC has marked 10 DCP points for two years in a row and won President's Distinguished Clubs. Does the club do something special for the achievement?**

TM Hirobe: Kanagawa TMC has run with a motto "Stick with the Basics" since our club was organized. We've tried to have five prepared speeches at every regular meeting. I think that such efforts have bore fruits.

3. **Q: What do you think is the key point for your club's growth?**

TM Hirobe: I think that the initial members and the many past club officers help us for management of meetings.

4. **Q: Will you send message to Japanese Toastmasters Clubs?**

TM Hirobe: Let's warm up meetings and enjoy at your clubs respectively !



Series : Brief interview to District Officers!

Vol. 2: Division E

Interview to Division E Officers

District Officers are supporting us. A series of brief interviews to District Officers by Division is planned to get to know them more.

1. What changed after you started TM activities ?
2. How do you spend holidays without TM activities ?
3. What do you take a pride in the place you were born ?



Division E Governor : Kyoko Kitamura

1. Really improved my presentation skills. Thanks to that, I received many awards.
2. Sleep well.
3. Feel the current of the times. Many ancient things and modern things in Kyoto.



Area 51 Governor : Yasuhiro Takahashi

1. Speaking in front of people became less serious matter for me.
2. Playing with my two children.
3. Chiryu is a historical city where Narihira Ariwara, famous for the Tales of Ise, wrote poem.



Area 53 Governor : Renelyn Hanamine.

1. Met many new faces and made friends – Toastmasters from all walks of life.
2. With my family, circle of friends and visits to my home town, the Philippines.
3. Filipino traits like hospitality, durability, and resiliency at all times.



Area 54 Governor : Masako Saneshige

1. As a blunder and failure become a material of a speech, I can enjoy life more than before.
2. Go to an art museum, concert, Rakugo and Kohdan.
3. Ohara Museum of Art and Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter



Area 55 Governor: Maki Kai

1. I have liked people more and more.
2. I enjoy playing and watching golf, and practicing singing.
3. Tottori has clear air and water, National parks nearby and the beautiful sea.



Area 56 Governor: Sachi Nagano

1. I began to feel at ease when I speak in public.
2. I meet my friends, read books and solve sudoku, which I crazy about lately.
3. Kochi people's personality. Though they are on a low income, they are cheerful and live happily.

~ From Storytelling country ~

“Representing a country of great storytellers”

Japanese Toastmasters in the world.

We interviewed TM Tamaki, who represented District 27 for Semifinal Contest 9.



Question: What is the most memorable experience at the semi-final speech?

TM Tamaki: It is hard to pick one, as whole process itself is an experience. But I received so much support throughout the process of the contests, from the people around me, from my home clubs, my home districts (66 and 27, also nearby districts 29 and 36). I am also lucky to have amazing coaches, including Ed Tate, WCPS, 2000.

Ref: I entered from District 27, which covers a part of Washington DC, Northern Virginia and small part of Maryland. I started TM program in District 66, most of Virginia except northern part, then moved last summer. DC area covers part of VA and MD, and there are three districts covering DC.



With her coach, TM Ed Tate after the semifinal.

Question: Do you do anything special in everyday life to prepare yourself for a speech?

TM Tamaki: Getting clarity of what I want the audience go home with: what they feel, think and do.

Question: Do you speech differently in foreign countries considering the different concept of values?

TM Tamaki: I have never spoke in English to Japanese audience, so I can only make assumptions. But, the most effective communication should be what's happening in audience' mind. So I'd adjust and do my best, if opportunity is given. I'd probably change the jokes and the timing.

Question: What attractiveness does the American TMC have which Japanese TMC does not have?

TM Tamaki: Once again, I have never been in TMC in Japan so I cannot compare. But one thing is clear to me. Even I struggle with language specific issues in the US TMC, there is nobody who can understand what I am saying in Japanese. So I have no choice but ask questions in English. Because of that, I am forced to use non-verbal communications: facial expression, gestures, vocal variety and etc. It has helped me later on.

Question: Would you tell us the advantages of being Japanese, if there are any?

TM Tamaki: Living in the US, I used to think that being Japanese, especially being a female speaker, was rather disadvantageous. Though I've changed my mindset now.

In Japanese culture, we tend to smile and deal with challenges when we do not agree or like the situation. In Public Speaking in the US, such attitude may create confusion in the communication. Personally, I have struggled that part of me and I will continue on my effort.

However, one thing to emphasize is that Japan is a country of great storytellers. Starting with Lady Murasaki, who wrote one of the oldest (long) novel in the world history, Rakugo, literature, movies and manga are now so popular all over the world. It is just a matter of time, many amazing Japanese speakers with style and storytelling quality will become prominent. Let's represent the country of Lady Murasaki!



Lady Murasaki
A novelist and poet during the Heian Period (c.978-c-1014 or 1015)

Question: Would you send message to TMC members in Japan?

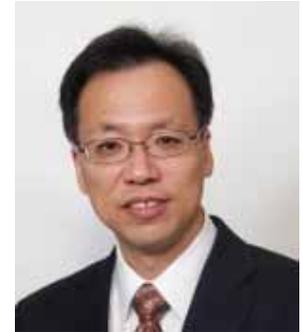
TM Tamaki: Fellow Japanese Toastmasters! We are from the beautiful country of Lady Murasaki. Tell your stories, in your own way, to show the world who you are.

Japanese Toastmasters in the world.

We interviewed TM Noguchi, who takes a role of District 46.

Questions: What and how do you feel the difference between Japanese and American TMC?

TM Noguchi: When I visit many different kinds of clubs and participated in the contests, I feel that there are a variety of different people with background, race, culture, nationality, religion, life style, and corporate culture in the US, particularly in New York City. For example, I recognize the differences of daily life perspectives, when I interact with the members from a variety of top American companies in financial industries and consulting firms, professional sales people, churches, Jewish, Gay/Lesbian, Chinese/English & Japanese/English bilingual, Black minority club, United Nations from many places including Africa and Latin America, and Indian people in IT areas, etc.



District Governor
TM Noguchi

However, when I re-think deeply, I feel that fundamental humanity towards happiness is the same regardless of differences of background, the common story lines for inspiring speeches, and further the leadership to move people are very similar between US and Japan related with humanity and emotions.

Questions: What is your goal, or what would you like to achieve as District 46 Governor this term?
Would you share the positive characteristics of District 46 which District 76 can learn?

TM Noguchi: The goal this year is to accomplish "President Distinguished" with "FUN". From the Day 1, I claimed and explained the meaning of President distinguished at Club, Area, Division, showing the numbers with examples, while we enjoy the journey to achieve this with FUN. To do the same thing, people will not feel much pain when we are thinking positively rather than negatively, pursuing the clear goal while learning and growing. I encourage District 76 continuously achieving President Distinguished since you have achieved for the last 2 years. District 46 has a tradition to invite the past District Governors and experienced officers for not only as merely advisors to the current Trios but also acting positions to help key District businesses particularly in Club Extension, Retention. We have a solid process and structure in place to operate systematically and continuously. It takes time to have great habit in large organization with good operational behavior, so that it is great to have solid mechanism to continue from last District Governors while adopting other success practices which can apply to District 76.

Questions: What do you think members expect/seek from TMC in the U.S.?

TM Noguchi: I think that the members are expecting to learn and results based on the time and efforts invested. As the results members want to become happy and gain self-confident. Although expected areas such as communication skills, public speaking skills, and leadership skills are different, the members judge the results to related with the invested time and efforts.

Questions: How would you describe District 46 in one word?

TM Noguchi: I would say District 46 is "Dynamic" and Energetic District. As mentioned before, we are located in New York City where the members are from variety of different countries, races and cultural backgrounds. During the last Spring Conference, for example, we counted that our members were from more than 60 countries around the world on the day. Our characteristics are mix of fast paced and changeable Manhattan areas and very stable NY suburb areas.

Questions: Will you send message to Japanese Toastmasters members?

TM Noguchi: I am grateful that Japan has 2020 Olympic and the economy trends are positive. Please further energize Toastmasters activities with this good momentum. I will definitely support from the US, the other side of the globe.

Educational Achievers in September

Div.A

CC Zhang, Chenfei Akabane Bilingual

Div.B

ACB	Morise, Norifumi	Tozai
CC	Kawauchi, Kazuko	Sakura
	Ito, Masato	Meguro
	Mori, Sonoko	Tokyo ESS
	Mori, Megumi	Tokyo ESS
	Wu, Peihong	Tokyo Metropolitan

Div.C

ACB	Kato, Chihiro	Nihonbashi Century
CC	Hikosaka, Junko	Tsudanuma
	Peters, Joseph	FCCJ

Div.D

ACG	Hayashi, Heita	Shonan Club
	Ohmi, Kiichiro Keith	Kawasaki
ACS	Gupta, Nirupam	Yokohama
ALB	Kawahito, Motohiro	Yamato Bilingual
ALS	Kurimoto, Tomoko	Sakurazaka
CC	Matsuda, Aya	Southern Beach
	Tanabe, Chiharu	Southern Beach
	Iseda, Hiroko	Minato-Mirai
CL	Aoki, Tsubasa	Southern Beach
	Kameda, Tsutomu	Southern Beach

Div.E

ACB	Kitamura, Kyoko	Kyoto
	Kashima, Junko	Tokushima
CC	Murata, Yuka	Kyoto
	Takagi, Yoko	Tokushima
	Sano, Masami	Takarazuka
CL	Yoshida, Hitomi	Osaka

Div.F

ACB	Kobayashi, Yoko	Aki
	Tanaka, Masao	Fukuoka
CC	Matsumoto, Kentaro	Kitakyushu

You can learn communication and leadership skills through educational programs at TMC.

*When you accomplish both programs, communication and leadership programs, you will receive a title of **DTM (Distinguished ToastMaster)***

Communication Program

ACG (Advanced Communication Gold)
ACS (Advanced Communication Silver)
ACB (Advanced Communication Bronze)
CC (Competent Communication)

Leadership Program

ALS (Advanced Leadership)
ALB (Advanced Leadership)
CL (Competent Leadership)

Editor's Postscript

I joined TMC 2 years ago. I was first worried if I were able to settle myself in the TMC environment. However, as I was learning how to overcome my nervousness in public speaking, I realized my TMC members were learning to overcome the same fear I had. As I struggled with other members trying to reach our goal together, TMC became something very precious to me.

Some may be feeling anxious joining TMC as I was. Some may have started to feel confident in their speech. Some may enjoy communicating with members who share the same goal. Some may have interests in supporting and leading the club. I would like to write articles of all those challenges and achievements of our member. My goal is to deliver the message of not only Japanese, but also World's TMC members who share the same spirits through this newsletter.

Fall Conference is just around the corner. Outstanding contestants are going to perform their stunning Tall Tale speeches in Kyushu! Please join us and do not miss this great opportunity. We, our newsletter team, will send our staff to interview too!

Please send your opinions of this newsletter at

D76_Newsletter_2013-14@yahoogroups.jp

I am looking forward to seeing you in Kyushu, and am anticipated to write articles of the conference! Kazuyuki Hosaka

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