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## THE 5<sup>th</sup> JAPAN TIMES SPELLING BEE TO BE HELD MARCH 22

Tokyo, Feb. 28, 2014 - The Japan Times, Ltd. is pleased to announce that the 5th Japan Times Bee will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

The Japan Times Bee, which was first held in 2010, is a spelling competition for students from Japanese and International schools in Japan. It is the only bee held in Japan that is officially recognized by the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the United States. Each year, the winner of The Japan Times Bee earns the right to compete in the nationally-televised U.S. final.

This year, 41 schools from around Japan will participate in the Japan Times Bee. Each school has already held their local bee to determine their representative participant.

Journalists are encouraged to attend the bee, to witness the competition and to see Japanese school children show off their impressive spelling skills.



### Details of the 5th Japan Times Bee

Dates: Saturday, March 22, 2014, 11:00-17:00

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

Organizer: The Japan Times, Ltd.

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Commerce in Japan; International New York Times

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University of Southern California; Simmons Co., Ltd.; Nifco Inc.

Participating schools: 41

Participants: Children or students aged 9 to 15  
(one student representative from each school)

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

\*The event will be streamed live on Ustream ([jtimes.jp/jtbee](http://jtimes.jp/jtbee)) and Niconico Douga.

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## 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 "JT Spelling Bee" in subject line)
- Fax: 03-3453-7085

### Application Form

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- Company name:
  - 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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