

We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable opportunity you provided. The Woodinville High School Level 3 team proudly achieved the 5th place at the National Japan Bowl. The students spent their time to study and prepare for the competition. This achievement is also thanks to JASO's support in enabling us to participate to the National competition.

Through both the competition itself and the preparation for it, the students greatly improved their Japanese language skills. This alone was a tremendous achievement; however, their experience outside of the competition was valuable and meaningful as well. In their free time at Washington, D.C., they visited notable landmarks such as the U.S. Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial, explored the several National museums, and fostered friendships with students from all over the United States, especially with Churchill High School in Oregon. These experiences are too numerous to fully describe, yet each contributed certainly to their personal growth.

Furthermore, during the ceremonies held before and after the competition, we had the rare honor of receiving messages from distinguished individuals, including representatives from the Embassy of Japan, JAXA, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of USA. Their inspiring words will serve as lasting encouragement for the students' future goals. Thinking about how much the Japan Bowl has impacted to my students' future, I can't thank members of JASO enough.

Once again, we extend our deepest thanks for providing such a remarkable and unforgettable experience. We are hoping to participate again in PNW Japan Bowl next year!

Sincerely,

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