The Turkmen National Institute of World Languages named after D. Azadi hosted a lively Japanese language competition on 27 April 2024, reports the Japanese Embassy in Turkmenistan.

12 students showcased their Japanese skills, with half tackling a designated topic and the others presenting on a theme of their choice. They also demonstrated their daily progress in the language.

Top honors went to the following students:

## Designated Topic:

1st place: Orazov Perman (D. Azadi Turkmen National Institute of World Languages, 1st year)

2nd place: Berdiniyazova Govher (Engineering and Technology University of Turkmenistan, 1st year)

3rd place: Allanazarova Solmaz (D. Azadi Turkmen National Institute of World Languages, 1st year)

## *Free Topic:*

1st place: Gurbangeldieva Aijemal (D. Azadi Turkmen National Institute of World Languages, 4th year)

2nd place: Karaev Serdar (Engineering and Technological University of Turkmenistan, 3rd year)

3rd place: Kovusova Tavus (D. Azadi Turkmen National Institute of World Languages, 4th year)

## Additional Recognition:

Designated Topic (Judge's Choice): Kuldzhaev Ylas (Engineering and Technological University of Turkmenistan, 1st year)

Free Topic (Judge's Choice): Arazmedov Mukhammetnur (Engineering and Technological University of Turkmenistan, 4th year)

## A competition of public speaking in Japanese held in Turkmenistan

Japanese language learning in Turkmenistan has flourished since the establishment of a dedicated department at the D. Azadi Turkmen National Institute of World Languages in 2007. Currently, over 13,000 people across Turkmenistan's educational institutions are actively learning Japanese, reflecting a more than threefold increase since 2017.

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