NATIONAL JAPAN BOWL HONESTY PLEDGE

The Japan-America Society of Washington DC (hereafter JASWDC) is committed to ensuring that the National Japan Bowl (hereafter NJB) is a fair competition where students can showcase their hard work and knowledge of Japan and the Japanese language. This year, as every year, students, observers, instructors, and all other participants are required to abide by the rules and regulations set out by JASWDC in order to protect the quality and integrity of the competition.

All participants are required to sign and adhere to the word and spirit of this honesty pledge in order to participate.

By affixing your signature to this document, you affirm that you will:

- Adhere to all rules and guidelines as laid out in the National Japan Bowl Competition Guide made available to all participants.
- Only confer with the registered members of your three-person team within your school and competition level, and avoid all inappropriate collaboration with other students, instructors, observers, or other individuals for the duration of the testing period.
- Refrain from the use of any aids including but not limited to textbooks, study guides, handwritten notes, online resources, cell phones (except during the Championship Round when explicitly allowed to by the NJB judges), or any other form of assistance.
- Follow the directions of NJB judges and proctors as pertains to the competition and direct any questions or concerns to NJB judges, proctors, or JASWDC staff as appropriate.
- Not copy, screenshot, record, film, or distribute any part of the NJB competition rounds in any way at any time.
- Trust that your fellow competitors are adhering to the same code of ethics and honesty.
- Report to NJB and JASWDC staff immediately any violation of these rules of which you become aware.

By affixing your signature below, you recognize that a violation of any of the rules as laid out in the National Japan Bowl Competition Guide, the Code of Conduct, or this honesty pledge, may result in you and/or your team's disqualification and forfeiture of any awards or recognition to be made at the discretion of The Japan-America Society of Washington DC.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____