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Dear JTAM Member:

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Japanese Quiz Bowl (MJQB) will be held again this year on the University of Michigan's Central Campus on **Saturday, March 19, 2011.**

There are a few additions to this year's event. As most of you know, this year's MJQB will feature new questions that stem from your hard work and time this past summer. At present, CJS's Heather Littlefield is working with an outside consultant in reviewing, revising, and formatting those questions. This is a huge undertaking and so we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this task of putting into place an MJQB competition that better suits your students.

Along with the new questions, we are also adding a new division of competition. Polls taken in the past year indicated that there would be enough teams to warrant adding a higher division. We hope that this will encourage students to continue their study of Japanese and allow more students to take part in the event. Please review the requirements in the MJQB registration materials for more information.

Finally, due to falling interest, we have removed the display category from the cultural contests. In its place, we are adding a video competition which we hope will allow your creative students to display their talents. As this competition will be judged prior to the MJQB, the deadline for these submissions will be at the end of February. Again, please see the MJQB registration materials for more details and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Lastly, please mark these dates on your calendar:

- **January 24, 2011** – MJQB registration deadline (All registration materials, including fees must be postmarked on or before this date. No exceptions.)
- **February 12, 2011** – Mandatory MJQB meeting at U-M's School of Social Work Building (10am~2pm). All MJQB coaches must attend.
- **February 18, 2011** – MJQB team withdrawal deadline (No refunds of registration fees after this date.)
- **February 25, 2011** – Video contest submission deadline (All DVDs/flashdrives must be postmarked on or before this date to be eligible for judging.)
- **March 19, 2011** – MJQB (~8:30am-3pm); U-M's Japan Culture Festival (sponsored by U-M's Japan Students Association) (Time T.B.A.)

I hope to see you at the MJQB!

Best,

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**2011 MJQB Committee**

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