

Dear Judges,

Dear English Teachers,

Dear Students,

My name is Igarashi Makoto,

and I am the president of the Yamagata West Rotary Club.

Thank you very much for inviting us to this English Speech Contest.

It is our great honor to be here today as your supporters.

Nowadays, translation tools are getting better and better.

Some people say, "We don't need to learn English anymore." But I don't agree.

Speaking with real words and sharing real feelings with people from other countries is a wonderful experience.

I know that only smart and hard-working students like you can take part in this contest.

However, everyone looks a little nervous, and it is OK.

Please enjoy this special moment.

I believe something good will happen to you today.

Have fun, and good luck!

Thank you.