

COMING EVENTS

Japan Symposium / 2012 Japanese Speech Contest

MARCH 2012

Japan Symposium: "Bilder av Japan"

Date: 5 March 2012

Time: 18:00-20:00

Place:

Litteraturhuset, Wergelandsveien 29, Oslo

With:

Prof. Reiko Abe Auestad, Ass. Prof. Terje Grønning, Jonas Kure Bure, Magne Tørring, Hans Ivar Stordal

The seminar will be held in Norwegian



2012 Japanese Speech Contest

Date: 24th June 2012

Time: 12:30-14:30

Place:

Ullevål Kino, Vestgrensa 2, Oslo

With:

Japanese language students from all over Norway

WHAT DO WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT JAPAN?

Nearly one year has passed since the disastrous Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami of 11 March 2011, and the recovery effort in Japan is well on its way.

In the immediate period after the calamity, Norwegian media gave a lot of attention to Japanese society and culture, but it may be fair to say that the general knowledge of Japan is lower than the attentive public would like it to be. The Embassy of Japan in Norway often meets a genuine curiosity in our contact with Norwegians.

To satisfy this curiosity, and to present a few young Norwegian experts from quite different backgrounds, the Embassy invites you to an open symposium at Litteraturhuset.

[More information here](#) (in Norwegian)

THE ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST

The 6th annual Embassy of Japan's Japanese Language Speech Contest will be held 24 March at Ullevål Kino. 15-20 contestants will be divided in two groups (Beginners & Advanced) and compete for a travel fund of NOK 10.000 to Japan, generously provided by Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation. Other prizes are provided by Pax Forlag and Scanbox.

This year the speeches will be performed in front of an audience numbering 150-200.

The speech contest has become an enjoyable tradition, and we at the Embassy are delighted to see how popular the event is with the Japanese language students.

Do you wish to sign up? Need more information?

[Click here](#) (Norwegian), or contact us by phone or email.



The contestants of 2010

RECENT EVENTS

**SHITAMACHI/
YAMANOTE FILM
EVENT
26-28 JANUARY 2012**



The last weekend of January the Embassy arranged a small film festival screening three films from Tokyo: *The Girl Who Leapt Through Time*, *Always - Sunset On Third Street*, and *Hachiko Monogatari*.

All the screenings drew a full house, and we are delighted that the audience reviews were very good.

The popularity of the 1950s nostalgia film *Always* came as a small surprise to us and our cooperating partner NFI Cinemateket, and we were glad to be able to set up an extra screening of the film at short notice.

Due to technical difficulties with the projection, the quality of the first screening of *Always* was unsatisfactory. We apologize for the inconvenience this caused, and will do our utmost to prevent this from happening again.

We hope to see you again at our next film event.

**IDEMITSU PETROLEUM
VISIT
WED 29 FEB 2012**

The Culture and Information Section paid a visit to Idemitsu Petroleum to give a short lecture on Japanese history and culture.

Spanning 1500 years in 60 minutes was a challenging and interesting experience to our staff, and hopefully to the audience as well, and we thank the Idemitsu staff for giving us a warm welcome.



**DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A LECTURE FROM THE
INFORMATION AND CULTURE SECTION?**

The Embassy has several years' experience of giving lectures in Norwegian and English on Japan to prospective travellers, school classes, university students, journalists and companies.

If you would like us to pay your class, organization, club or business a visit, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone or email.

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