

Speech Contest 2010

19 MARCH 2010

NORWEGIAN STUDENTS SPEAK JAPANESE!



The annual Japanese Language Speech Contest was held 19 March at the Embassy of Japan. 17 contestants were divided in two groups (Beginners & Advanced) and competed for a return flight ticket to Japan, generously provided by Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation.

This year the speeches were performed in front of an audience counting 80. The speech contest has become a fun tradition, and we at the Embassy of Japan are delighted to see how popular the event is with the students. We wish the winners a good trip to Japan, and hope to see you all next year!

Japansk språkundervisning i Norge

Japansk språk er blitt et stadig mer populært studium for norske studenter og skoleelever. Fra årtusenskiftet har universiteter og høyskoler meldt om stadig økende interesse fra unge mennesker. I dag tilbys undervisning i japansk språk ved Universitetet i Oslo, Universitetet i Bergen, NTNU, Norges Handelshøyskole, Oslo Handelsgymnasium, Bergens Handelsgymnasium og Privatgymnasiet Sonans i tillegg til en rekke andre private kurstilbydere.

Det finnes mange grunner til å velge å lære seg japansk. For noen er språkstudier en måte å knytte bånd til et land de selv eller deres foreldre har en fortid i. For andre springer interessen for språket ut fra en fasinjon av japansk populærkultur eller tradisjonelle uttrykksformer, mens det for andre igjen kan være Japans økonomis posisjon som en av de største i verden, eller Japan som premissleverandør innen ingeniørkunst som tiltrekker.

Uansett hvilken hensikt en måtte ha for å lære seg språket ønsker Japans ambassade i Norge å bistå med vår kunnskap og kompetanse for å gjøre studentenes tilværelse lettere eller mer interessant. Ta gjerne kontakt med oss om spørsmål relatert til stipendordninger, utvekslingsprogrammer, læringsressurser og reiseråd. Vi er glade for å kunne bidra til økt felles forståelse og sterkere bånd mellom våre to land.

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Speech Contest 2010

Date: 19 March

Place: Embassy of Japan

Arranged by the Embassy of Japan In Norway with assistance from Scandinavia-Japan Sasakawa Foundation (www.sjsf.se)

1st place winners:

Ms. Thea Bakke & Mr. Jon Gustav Flø

Runner-ups:

Mr. Michael Worku & Ms. Maria Aarbo

3rd place:

Mr. Erlend Sierra & Ms. Miina Lervik

THE WINNERS

The winners of this year's contest were

Group A (Beginners) - Ms. Thea Bakke

Ms. Bakke gave a speech on "Gairaigo" (外来語) which revealed an insight and humorous analysis of transliterations in the Japanese language.

Group B (Advanced) - Mr. Jon Gustav Flø

Mr. Flø gave a speech on martial arts Master Yoshio Sugino, impressive both in form and content.

The winners' speeches are available on www.no.emb-japan.go.jp

26, 27 JUNE 2010 - CINEMATEKET, OSLO

On the occasion of the Japanese pop culture convention DesuCon 5 (www.desu.no) the Embassy invites to free screenings of two celebrated Japanese films at Cinemateket in Oslo.

ウォーターボーイズ (Waterboys)



Comedy.

A pretty young coach at an all-boys-school comes up with the idea of creating a top synchronized swimming team. But she soon takes maternity leave, leaving a team of 5 hopelessly bad swimmers behind. Having decided to take part in the school festival in autumn, the team spends the whole summer learning how to swim from a dolphin trainer... Will the Waterboys be able to overcome all the difficulties and present their performance at the festival?

Saturday 26 June 20:00, Cinemateket, Tancred
Running time 91 minutes

雨あがる (After the Rain)



Historic drama.

Ihei Misawa is adept at fencing, but his too good nature has always made it difficult for him to find a master. One day he and his wife, Tayo, are stranded at a small country inn because of heavy rain. In order to ease frustrated guests, he arranges a feast financed by winning money from prize-fighting, which is prohibited by Tayo. The next day, Ihei steps in to prevent a duel between two young samurai. The scene is by chance caught by the lord of the domain...

Sunday 27 June 19:00, Cinemateket, Lillebil
Running time 92 minutes

English subtitles

Free entrance

Tickets may be picked up from Wednesday 23 June at
Cinemateket, Dronningens gate 16, 0105 Oslo

Årets MEXT-stipend er utlyst! Søk nå!



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