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40TH NIHONGO SPEECH CONTEST

The Japan Foundation, Manila (JFM) will hold the *40th Nihongo Speech Contest* on February 23, 2013 at the Cinema of SM City North EDSA, Quezon City. This speech contest, now on its 40th year is one of the major events of the 8th Nihongo Fiesta which will feature the Nihongo Quiz Bee, and a lot more activities on Japanese culture.

The Contest aims to extend to students and professionals an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to express themselves in Japanese; thus, promoting deeper understanding and better appreciation of the culture of Japan and the Philippines.

The Nihongo Speech Contest is an ideal platform for Filipino students and professionals to demonstrate their linguistic skills through articulating an original composition written by themselves on a theme of their choice. It continues to attract high caliber contestants from the country's numerous language institutes, colleges/universities and other organizations offering Japanese language courses.

Both the champion and the Outstanding Performance Awardee will take part in an all-expense-paid week-long study tour in Japan. All qualified contestants will receive consolation prizes.

For more information regarding the contest, other cultural projects/grant programs and the forthcoming 2013 Nihongo Fiesta (Nihongo Speech Contest/Nihongo Quiz Bee) activities, all concerned may contact:

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