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## The 29<sup>th</sup> Japanese Speech Contest

The Language Centre at the Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), the Community Education Division (CED) of the Ministry of Education, and the Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam, will hold the 29<sup>th</sup> Japanese Speech Contest on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2015, at 2:30pm in the ILIA building on the UBD campus. Everyone is welcome to attend and admission is free.

14 Bruneians are going to participate in this contest which is divided into the three categories: a Beginner's Level, an Advanced Level, and an Open Category. The Beginner's Level is specified for those who have studied the Japanese language for less than 2 years whilst the Advanced Level has no restrictions for its contestants in terms of years of study (however, contestants must not have stayed in Japan for a total of 2 years since the age of six). The Open Category has no restrictions for its contestants' length of study and stay in Japan. In each category, contestants will deliver a speech on various topics such as "A Dream," "A Valuable Experience in Japan," and "Brunei Tourism."

This speech contest aims to encourage the contestants to give a public demonstration of their proficiency in the Japanese language. This event will also serve as a good opportunity to deepen mutual understanding between Brunei Darussalam and Japan which aspires to foster greater friendship amongst the people of both countries.

The main prize of the contest is a 1 week trip to Japan which is jointly sponsored by All Nippon Airways of Japan (ANA). Also, other prizes and operating expenses are sponsored by the Japan Foundation.

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