

Seventh International MANGA Award

On 21 March, Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Fumio Kishida announced this year's International MANGA AWARD schedule. The Foreign Minister serves as the Chairman of the Seventh International MANGA Award Executive Committee.

The International MANGA Award was established in May 2007 at the initiative of then-Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Taro Aso with the aim of awarding MANGA creators who contribute to the spread of MANGA culture overseas.

It has been held every year since its establishment. This year, the International MANGA Award Executive Committee again decided to hold the award.

Guidelines for the entry and the entry form are available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

Applications should be sent to your closest Japanese diplomatic missions (Sydney for our readers) or the post office box of the Seventh International MANGA Award directly.

The best MANGA from among all of the submitted works will be awarded the Gold Award. The next three best MANGA shall receive the Silver Award. Recipients will be invited to Japan by the Japan Foundation to attend the award ceremony. During their stay in Japan, they will also have the chance to exchange opinions with Japanese MANGA creators and to visit publishing companies and other places.

The application period is from
**Monday 15 April to
Friday 31 May 2013.**

MOFA's Pop-culture Diplomacy

You can find out more about previous MANGA awards on MOFA's pop culture diplomacy page.

www.mofa.go.jp/policy/culture/exchange/pop/index.html

2013 Evangelion Art Exhibition Tour



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From **10-18 May 2013**, Sydneysiders will have their chance to see this rare touring exhibition. Visitors can gain an insight into how the landmark EVANGELION animated films were created. Original concept and production art, character drawing and other artefacts will be on display.

The exhibition showcases the artistry of Japanese anime film production.

The Sydney exhibition is presented by Madman Entertainment in collaboration with NTV Films, Groundworks and The Japan Foundation, Sydney.

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作字コンテスト Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest

The 31st Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest will be held again this year. The contest aims to promote knowledge of Japan and Australia-Japan relations. Students do not have to be studying Japanese and essays are written in English. Information and topics for the 2013 contest should be available in May.

See our Consulate's website: www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp

第六回 'Art Speaks Japanese' Comes Alive!

The Japan Foundation's Art Speaks Japanese is not only alive, its evolving!

A new category 'Display Award' is being offered. This coincides with the new entry method which means students do not have to send in their artworks, but instead display them and then take a picture to be placed on the 'Art Speaks Japanese' Comes Alive online virtual gallery. Judges will view this gallery to decide the awards.

<http://artalive.jpf-sydney.net>

Deadline: **27 September 2013**

弁論大会 44th Australian National Japanese Language Speech Contest

With a long history behind it, this contest continues to encourage students of Japanese to use their skills in a challenging context.

Details of the state and national finals will be made available via the Japan Foundation website. You can find results and pictures from previous contests here too.

<http://speechcontest.jpf-sydney.net>

Not to forget—

Video Matsuri Contest 2013

<http://video-matsuri.jpf-sydney.net/>