

Sydney JETAA has a lazy Sunday lunch ...

In fact, members and friends of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program Alumni Association (JETAA) in Sydney were taking part in the Big Bento fundraising campaign. Their picnic in Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens on Sunday 11 March saw them become the third top* fundraiser in the Big Bento Lunch week. Funds raised will go to UNICEF Japan to assist children in the regions affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. After their

picnic, JETAA went to see the Consulate's *Tohoku, Japan: Rebuilding for a Better Tomorrow* exhibition.

Sydney JETAA holds a range of activities for former JETs which helps them keep in touch with Japan. Members also assist with recruitment for the JET program.

Sydney JETAA www.sydneyjetaa.org



* 1st: The Japan Foundation, Sydney; 2nd: Japan Studies, University of New South Wales. www.bigbentolunch.jetaa.org.au Accessed 21/03/2012

The Japan Foundation, Sydney

www.jpff.org.au

The Japan Foundation Sydney is part of network of 23 offices around the world dedicated to promoting cultural and intellectual exchange.

Film weeks, an excellent library, a gallery, language courses and consultants, and teaching resources can all be accessed via the Sydney office which oversees programs around Australia.

Contests aiming at engaging young Australians in a fun and stimulating way are also a key part of the Foundation's work. Last year, there was even a Creative Cake Contest as part of a film screening. What will 2012 bring?

ビデオまつり Video Matsuri Contest

This is a great way to allow students to express their creativity and show off their Japanese. Visit the website to watch the winning entries from previous contests in the 'Hall of Fame'. There are some impressive and entertaining efforts!

The contest website includes classroom ideas for teachers, helpful tips on how to create and produce a video, and even covers issues such as copyright. There are four divisions—primary, junior secondary, senior secondary and tertiary.

There are no restrictions on theme or style. The only 'must' is to include Japanese language!

www.video-matsuri.jpff-sydney.net

Deadline: 28 September 2012

第四回 Art Speaks Japanese Comes Alive!

Check out the contest web gallery where you can see interesting and fresh artworks created by school students of all levels—all incorporate some Japanese language.

<http://artalive.jpff-sydney>

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弁論大会 43rd 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 can be found at:

www.speechcontest.jpff-sydney.net