

Japan Expo & Matsuri in Sydney

Saturday 14 December 2013

10am-7pm Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour, Sydney

Around 16,000 people experienced the 2012 Japan Expo and Matsuri in Sydney. Don't miss all that the 2013 Festival has to offer!

This year promises another **packed program of stage performances**—dynamic dancing, modern and traditional music, martial arts, calligraphy and sashimi demonstrations.

Stalls selling **Japanese food** (and this year a beer garden too) will be there, and booths introducing Japan and those giving visitors a chance to try their own hand at Japanese skills. The popular **Cool Japan** and **Traditional Japan booths** will both be back after successful debuts last year. Joining the ever-popular **Yukata Contest** will be an **Anime Cosplay Contest** and **Tokyo Kawaii Makeover**. This year there will be a greater Tokyo presence with a **Tokyo Yokocho** area. 'Yokocho' refers to small alleyways in Tokyo—where you often discover hidden gems of the city!

<http://matsurisydney.com>



Japan Exchange and Teaching Program

Applications are now open for the 2014-15 program, closing on 29 November 2013.

The two main positions on the JET Program are Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) and Coordinator of International Relations (CIR).

To apply in Australia, the basic criteria are you must be an Australian citizen and hold a bachelors degree. JET program participants should have a keen interest in Japan, be willing to teach English and share knowledge of their culture with people in the Japanese community they will call home for at least a year. For application guidelines, the application form and more details about the program, please visit:

www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/english/education.htm

Results of the 31st Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest 2013

Congratulations to NSW students who again achieved top results in the contest.

Two of the three first prizes:

Mr Timothy Eddy (Southern Cross School K-12) took out the Junior B top prize and **Ms Cecilia Le** (Sydney Girls' High School) took out the Senior Division first place.

Three of the six outstanding prizes:

Ms Emily Kim and **Ms Karin Nishimuta-Jang** (both of North Sydney Girls' High School) in Junior A and **Ms Ivy Loncar** (Randwick High School) in Junior B.

The following students received highly commended prizes: in Junior A—Ms Kiki Amberber, Mr Maximilian Bereny, Mr Josh Corkill, Ms Isabella Kang, Ms Catherine Ku and Mr Liam Slabber; in Junior B—Ms Michelle Chen, Ms Shaylea Hogan and Ms Karen Ma.

Thank you to all NSW students and teachers who entered and supported the essay contest.

The Japan Foundation, Sydney—

moving soon

Teachers and students (and fans of Japan) should be aware that The Japan Foundation, Sydney, will be moving in early 2014.



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In preparation for the big move, exhibitions, talks, cultural goods loans, school centre visits (not to be confused with the Consulate's school visit program) and work experience and internship placements are now on hold.

All Japan Foundation language courses, apart from Advanced, are being held at the State Library during term 4,

and from term 1 next year, all classes will be held at the new location—Central Park, the new commercial and residential complex just opened near Central Station and UTS.

More details will be posted on the Japan Foundation website. To keep up with the latest, why not sign up to their e-newsletter?

www.jpf.org.au/jnewsletter/index.html

Did you know...

the first Japan Foundation office was in Canberra not Sydney? The Japan Foundation in Australia was founded in Canberra in 1978 and relocated to Sydney in 1988.