

# **35<sup>th</sup> NIHONGO SPEECH CONTEST**

The purpose of the Nihongo Speech Contest is to extend to students and professionals an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to express themselves in Japanese and thus foster better understanding between the Filipinos and Japanese.

Beginning year 2008, there will be 3 categories, namely, the Student Division, the Non-student division, and the Open Division. This way, anybody, whether new learner, student or non-student can join in their respective categories, and speakers with a high level of Nihongo can compete in the Open Division.

From the winners of Categories 1 and 2, one will be given the Outstanding Performance Award, and together with the winner of Category 3, who will be considered the Champion, he/she will be invited to a weeklong Observation Tour in Japan.

## **Guidelines:**

### **Category 1 : Student Division**

1. Must be a Filipino citizen or a non-Japanese citizen with a permanent resident status in the Philippines.
2. Japanese is not the first or the native language.
3. be 18 years or older by June 1, 2008.
4. must be an undergraduate student currently enrolled in a university or college in the Philippines
5. Must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 7 months.
6. Must not have been a previous first prize winner - in the same category of the speech contest, conducted by the Japan Foundation.

### **Category 2. : Non-student Division**

1. Must be a Filipino citizen or a non-Japanese citizen with a permanent resident status in the Philippines.
2. Japanese is not the first or the native language.
3. be 18 years or older by June 1, 2008.
4. must NOT be an undergraduate student currently enrolled in a university or college in the Philippines
5. Must not have stayed in Japan for more than a total of 7 months.

6. Must not have been a previous first prize winner - in the same category of the speech contest, conducted by the Japan Foundation.

Category 3. : Open Division

1. Must be a Filipino citizen or a non-Japanese citizen with a permanent resident status in the Philippines.
2. Japanese is not the first or the native language
3. be 18 years or older by June 1, 2008.
4. Must not have been a previous first prize winner - in the same category of the speech contest, conducted by the Japan Foundation.

**Entries for the final competition :**

Davao area      Total of up to 4 entries from the winners in the Davao Speech Contest to be held on Jan 25, 2008: 2-3 may join Category 1, 0-2 may join Category 2 and 0-2 may join Category 3.

Cebu area        Total of up to 3 entries from the winners in the Cebu Speech Contest to be held on Feb 2, 2008: 0 -2 may join Category 1, 1-2 may join Category 2 and 0-2 may join Category 3.

Metro-Manila    Total of 11-12 entries\* from the winners in the Metro Manila Competition to be held on Jan 25-26,2008: 2-4 may join Category 1, 2-4 may join Category 2 and 2-4 may join Category 3.

\*Maximum of 12 entries. But if entries from Davao & Cebu total 7, Manila entries will be a maximum of 11, for an overall maximum of 18 entries.

**Schedule of Metro-Manila competition:**

1. Initial screening by manuscript: Deadline is January 14, 2008.
2. Preliminary competition in Metro-Manila: January 25 & 26 (Friday & Saturday) at the Japan Foundation, Manila
3. Final competition: February 23, 2008 (Saturday) at the Nihongo Fiesta venue.