



JAPAN AERONAUTIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT- 2007

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Youth activities in 2007 are outlined below.

1. FAI Young Artists Contest 2008

We received 414 paintings. The number of entry was almost the same with 2006 (447). "Aviation Day Award" is presented to a first prize winner in each age category. Winners are invited to overseas or domestic study tour. They visit airfield, aircraft manufacturing industries, etc. "Aviation Day" program is organized under the cooperation of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

We think Young Artists Contest is a good program to encourage air sports to the young people. We are going to make an effort increasing the number of entry for 2009.

2. Sky Kids Programs

We organized two programs under the name of "Sky Kids Program". This program aims to make children good understanding and promoting interest in the air sports.

Children experienced air sports, and learned "the History of Flying" and "Introduction of Air Sports" by DVD that was edited by Japan Aeronautic Association for this program.

Sky Sports Class

"Sky Sports Class" is the program for the children between 9 and 11 years old. In 2007, it was held twice on 17 Nov. and 1 Dec. A total of 107 children and 30 teachers and parents participated, and over 100 people observed. Children enjoyed flight by captive hot air balloon and paragliding. In 2008, we are planning to organize 3 or 4 classes.



Paraglider specially designed for children
Take off easily from flat ground



Aeromodelling Class

"Aeromodelling Class" is the program for the elementary school children. We organized 18 classes at different locations in the whole country. A total of 900 children and 350 teachers and parents participated. Children made model plane and enjoyed flying.

In May 2007, we had "Light Plane Design Contest" that 38 planes entried. New model plane for the class was produced based on the design of first prize plane in this contest .

An experimental lift device was also made for this class by Mr. Kanegawa, 2006 FAI World Champion for Free Flight Power Model Aircraft□F1C□, an airline pilot. This device helps children understanding why planes fly.



Experimental lift device



Model plane for the class



3. Activities for young people

Our affiliated organizations had activities that young people experienced air sports.

- Gliding - 4 activities (The participants totaled 80)
- Paragliding - 2 activities (The participants totaled 40)
- Hot air ballooning-over 50 activities(Total of participants is estimated over several hundreds)

4. Sky Leisure Japan (SLJ)

Japan Aeronautic Association's largest annual sky sports event , " 19th Sky Leisure Japan" was held on November 10 and 11, 2007 in Miyazaki, southern part of Japan and attracted more than 30,000 spectators. SLJ took an active part in encouraging the sky sports to the people by seeing and experiencing. Children enjoyed seeing aerobatics and flights with various planes, experienced flights with helicopter, captive hot air balloon, paragliding and hanggliding, aeromodelling and paper-gliding, etc.

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