



Japan Annual Education Report for 2004

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During the past twelve months, the Japan Aeronautic Association (JAA) was directly involved in the following educational activities. In addition, numerous air sports classes and camps were organized by the air sports organizations under our umbrella, but we have no information about the details.

1. For the 2004 FAI Young Artist Contest with the theme "Flying Saves Lives" we received 283 entries, and 271 entries for the 2005 "Air Show Poster" Contest.
2. "Sky Sports Classes" under the name of "Sky Kids Program" for elementary school children were held twice in 2004 at Kagoshima and at Yokohama. A total of 200 students learned the theory of flying and enjoyed hands-on experience with hot air ballooning, paragliding and aeromodelling. In Kagoshima, the local Board of Education also provided short helicopter rides for participating students.
3. Sky Leisure Japan (SLJ), the JAA's largest annual sky sports event, was held in Saga this year in collaboration with the Saga International Balloon Fiesta and attracted 269,000 spectators (997,000 spectators for the Saga International Balloon Fiesta). A total of 1,079 children attended handicrafts classes or enjoyed hands-on experience in various air sports.
4. On and around September 20 (the date designated "Sky Day" in Japan), 90 airports, ATC offices, airline facilities and others were opened to the public. Approximately 450,000 people enjoyed visiting facilities, watching aviation-related exhibitions and experiencing flying.
5. We received 30 entries in the experimental glider category and 19 entries in the human-powered aircraft category for the "Birdman Rally" (contest for human-powered aircraft).
6. In the Aeromodelling Handicraft class held at Yokohama sponsored by the JAA, 130 school children participated.
7. The annual Sky Sports Symposium sponsored by the JAA was attended by 178 people who discussed academic research and technical issues in the field such as "Structure of human-powered aircraft" and "Know-how for long-distance flights in Japan by glider."
8. Preparatory meetings for an aeromodelling handicraft class program for elementary school children were held several times. With the cooperation of various aeromodelling-related industries and organizations, JAA plans to organize aeromodelling classes at 10 different locations in Japan per year, if possible.

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