



Japan Annual Education Report for 2005

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During the past twelve months, the Japan Aeronautic Association (JAA) was directly involved in the following educational activities.

1. For the 2005 FAI Young Artist Contest with the theme "Air Show Poster" we received 271 entries. Shosuke Takeuchi, 12-year old schoolboy won the FAI 1st place in the Intermediate Category and was awarded a diploma and gold medal by the FAI President at the FAI Centenary Conference Awards Ceremony.
For the 2006 contest with the theme "Air Sports and Nature in Harmony," we received 528 entries, almost double the figure for last year's entries.
2. A very young aeromodelling world champion has been born in Japan. Hiroki Ito, a 15-year old high school student, won the title at the F3C World Championship held in Spain in August, 2005.
3. "Sky Sports Classes" under the name of "Sky Kids Program" for elementary school children were held twice in 2005 in Tokyo and in Yokohama. A total of 200 students learned the theory of flying and enjoyed hands-on experience with hot air ballooning, paragliding and aeromodelling.
4. Sky Leisure Japan (SLJ), the JAA's largest annual sky sports event, was held in Noda this year as an FAI Centenary Event and attracted 58,000 spectators. A total of 1,500 children attended handicrafts classes or enjoyed hands-on experience in various air sports. An FAI booth was set up, where panels describing FAI's history and current role were displayed along with award-winning drawings of Japanese entries of the FAI Young Artist Contest. An "FAI Quiz" was organized as one of the stage attractions, and 40 children took part, answering various aviation related questions and winning prizes.
5. With the cooperation of various aeromodelling-related industries and organizations, JAA organized aeromodelling classes at 10 different locations in Japan and 470 school children participated. JAA intends to continue this program every year throughout Japan.
6. We received 31 entries in the experimental glider category and 20 entries in the human-powered aircraft category for the "Birdman Rally" (contest for human-powered aircraft). Out of these entries, 80% are from university and high-school students.
7. In the Aeromodelling Handicraft class held at Miyazaki co-sponsored by the JAA

and the Japan Society for Aeronautical and Space Science(JSASS), 246 school children participated.

8. The annual Sky Sports Symposium co-sponsored by the JAA and the JSASS was attended by 151 people who discussed academic research and technical issues in the field such as "Production of Japan-made Gliders" and "Know-how for Flying Free Flight Aeromodelling."

On and around September 20 (the date designated as "Aviation 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. This program is supported by the Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport and the JAA operate the secretariat.

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.



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