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13th Japanese Speech Contest Highlights Students' Japanese Skills

Lao students competed in the 13th Japanese Speech Contest to demonstrate their acquired Japanese language skills at the Lao–Japan Budo Center in Vientiane Capital on 27 March 2016. The contest was held by the Embassy of Japan and Japanese language institutes in the Lao PDR, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Sports.

The Japanese Speech Contest has been organized every year since 2004 to promote Japanese language studies in the Lao PDR, as well as to deepen mutual understanding between Lao and Japanese people. This year, the contest had 72 young competitors from Vientiane Capital and Luang Prabang, Bolikhamxay, Savannakhet, and Champasak provinces. They demonstrated their Japanese language skills by reciting Japanese texts and delivering speeches that they had prepared by themselves. The winner of the contest received the chance to travel to Japan. Singing, dancing, and short dramatic performances were also presented by students and supporters during the contest.

The event was attended by H.E. Mr. Phonmek Dalaloy, President of the Lao–Japan Friendship Association, H.E. Dr. Somphou Duangsavanh, President of the Lao-Japan Parliamentarian Friendship Group, and H.E. Mr. Takeshi Hikiyara, Ambassador of Japan to the Lao PDR. In addition, government officials, teachers, students and local residents, as well as family members and friends of those who participated in the contest, also came to the event to cheer on the contestants.

