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The 48th International Speech Contest in Japanese

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai, **the 48th International Speech Contest in Japanese** will be held in Izumisano City, Osaka by the Japan Foundation, International Education Center, Osaka Foundation of International Exchange, and City of Izumisano. This contest is broadcasted by NHK every year.

This year, 12 finalists from 10 countries were selected from among 110 applicants. They will give a speech over various themes, including Japan and Japanese culture, in their fluent Japanese. Besides the speech competition, *rakugo* by Mr. Kaishi Katsura and the traditional dance “*Sano Odori*” will also be presented.

This event is opened to the public with no admission required.

Date: Saturday, May 26, 2007

Time: From 1:00pm (Doors open at 12:30)

Venue: Izuminomori Hall,

1-295-1 Ichibahigashi , Izumisano City, Osaka

Take a bus from Izumisano Station on Nankai Line

or Hineno Station on JR Hanwa line

Organizers: The Japan Foundation, International Education Center,

Osaka Foundation of International Exchange, City of Izumisano

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