

Press Release

Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Cambodia "Nodojiman" Grand Championships Contest

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The Embassy of Japan, in collaboration with the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC), organized the first ever "Nodojiman" Grand Championships Contest (Japanese Song Contest) for the Japanese language learners in Cambodia on Saturday, 20 February, on the occasion of the Japan-Cambodia Kizuna Festival 2016. The event was supported by the Cambodian Public Bank, H.I.S Cambodia Travel Ltd, YAMAHA Motor Cambodia Co., Ltd., Forval Cambodia, Soundskool, Fox Service Union Tourist Co., Ltd, Mates Global Communication Co., Ltd, CIESF, Terra Motors, Image Printing, Marugame Udon (Toridoll (Cambodia) Co., Ltd.,), Yakiniku Garden Shiki, Suzume, Chai Angkor, Gatsby and Khmer Rabbit.



The 1st to 3rd prize winners in the last five contests competed for the grand championship. The hall was packed with the audience, who cheered the contestants during the event.

The winners for the 1st to 3rd places in the Grand Championships Contest are as follows:

- 1- Mr. Teth Chan Sothea, Grand Champion
- 2- Mr. Srun Vandy, 2nd Champion
- 3- Ms. Un Chan Veasna, 3rd Champion

The successful candidates for other special awards are as follows:

- 1- Mr. Por Sina, Ambassador's Prize
- 2- Mr. Bunchhean Lyheang, 1st Prize of Japanese Pronunciation
- 3- Mr. Dun Thatney, 2nd Prize of Japanese Pronunciation
- 4- Mr. Kao Nirooth, Musical Prize
- 5- Ms. Preashchan Inokuchi, 1st Performance Prize
- 6- Mr. Than Aronnrainbow, 2nd Performance Prize

The audience also enjoyed songs by some special guest singers including Mr. Nico, the famous Cambodian pop singer, Mr. Noeng Kanol from the Royal University of Fine Arts, and Mr. Gosuke Uno and Ms. Yumiko Hirakata from the NPO ASEAN Community Japan.

The Japanese Song Contest has been conducted annually for the purpose of promoting Japanese language education in Cambodia, especially to offer an opportunity to the Japanese language learning students to showcase their talent in the field of culture and art.

The next annual Nodojiman contest will be held on 19 March 2016 at CJCC. It is expected that understanding of Japanese culture and Japanese language among Cambodian student will be further promoted through the event.





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