## **Press Release**

## Japanese Language Speech Contest in Karachi

On March 30, 2014, the 29<sup>th</sup> Japanese Language Speech Contest was jointly organized by the Consulate-General of Japan at Karachi and Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA), Sindh at the Japan Information and Culture Center.

11 Pakistani students participated in the Speech Contest, and 10 Pakistani students participated in the Reading Contest. Most participants were from different levels of Japanese Language Course, conducted by PJCA. Contestants presented a wide range of interesting speeches with their excellent Japanese language skills.

On this occasion, two Pakistani guest speakers were invited to give a speech in Japanese, sharing their childhood experiences of living in Japan. The audience keenly listed to their interesting talks.

Mr. Akira Ouchi, the Consul-General of Japan, emphasized in his speech that to learn a foreign language is the best way to learn about the culture and society of the country, thus the learners of the Japanese language will have better understanding on Japan. Mr. Ouchi wished this annual event will further contribute to the promotion of the Japanese language in Pakistan and will thus strengthen friendly relationship between the people of Japan and Pakistan.

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For further information, please contact the Japan Information and Culture Center at the Consulate-General of Japan at Karachi: 35220800 (Ext. 134). Also please kindly visit our web-site: <a href="http://www.kr.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/">http://www.kr.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/</a> in regard to this event.







