

## Happy Birthday JFLLC!



May 2007 marks the 10th anniversary of the JFLLC. During the 10 years that the JFLLC has been established the teaching of Japanese in the UK has gone from strength to strength. One of the key ways that we have promoted the teaching of Japanese in the UK is by supporting the establishment of networks of teachers, allowing professionals to exchange ideas and information, and encouraging cooperation between institutions that are teaching Japanese. We have over the years worked with the British Association for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (BATJ) and the Japanese Language Committee (JLC) in many ways, including the organisation of speech contests for students in both higher and secondary education. More recently the JFLLC has followed governmental initiatives in foreign languages by reaching out to the primary sector, resulting in the launch of Ready Steady NihonGO!, the 10 week primary course in Japanese, jointly designed with Japan21. It is our hope that the number of institutions offering Japanese will continue to increase, and as such we launched the StepOutNet School Visits programme in 2006, designed to give schools a taste of Japan and its language. The JFLLC would like to thank the Embassy of Japan in the UK, Japan21, our generous sponsors and the schools, teachers, and volunteers for their continued hard work and support in developing Japanese language education in the UK. これからもよろしくお願ひします。

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