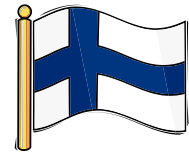


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Press Release

Finnish Tankokai to receive prestigious Japanese Award at Turku Castle on 28th October

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On 28th October (Tues), the Chado Urasenke Tankokai Finland Association* will be awarded the [Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for fiscal year 2014](#)** for their many years of outstanding contribution to the promotion of Japanese culture in Finland. The award ceremony will take place at Turku Castle at 12:00. The ceremony will include a tea ceremony performed by the Finnish Tankokai.

Media are welcome to attend and cover the event. Please contact the Public Relations Section of the Embassy of Japan (see below) for further details.

Following the abovementioned ceremony, on the same day at 15:00, the University of Turku Centre for East Asian Studies will be holding their first-ever Japanese Speech Contest at the University of Turku. The winner will receive a round-trip ticket to Japan, courtesy of Finnair.

For further information on the award-giving ceremony and speech contest, please contact the following:

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***The Foreign Minister's Commendations are awarded to individuals and groups with outstanding achievements in international fields, to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries. The Commendation also aims to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese public for their activities. This year, the Commendation has been awarded to 108 individuals and 30 groups by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida.*

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