

BUNKA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

29th August 2010

Together Students, Staff and Management donated \$10,000 to the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund.



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Bunka Language School celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The team brainstormed for ideas for a meaningful celebration and came up with something in which our students could participate and do our bit for local students as well – why not the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund (STSPMF)?

We decided to design a T-shirt for sale to our students of which sale proceeds would go to the fund. Bunka Language School will match dollar for dollar raised. A STSPMF tin can collection was also conducted, to which Bunka Language School also matched dollar for dollar. We kicked off the entire celebration and donation drive with our Bunka Race (Amazing Race style) on Sunday 1st

August. Teams had to buy and wear our T-shirts to participate in the race. 40 teams of 2 comprising both current and former students responded. Tasks were Japanese related. We started the event with the participants having a go at origami. We felt that an origami heart was the perfect shape for the competition, in line with the STPMF tagline of “Got Heart “. All the hearts made have been mounted into a beautiful collage. Destinations the teams had to visit were The Japan Creative Centre, Japanese restaurants at specified shopping malls beginning with the acronyms of the school name, cosplay and yukata dress up, identifying Japanese magazines and specific products at a Japanese bookshop and supermarket respectively.

In addition, we had a mascot design competition and Sakura chan was born.

The anniversary celebration culminated on Sun 29th August with a dinner at the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge with more than 200 guests comprising students and staff. Several exciting items were lined up for the night. The founder Ms Mineko Ebihara flew in from Tokyo to grace the occasion. There was a karaoke singing contest, a kawaii (cute) fashion contest, a cosplay parade, a performance by a student and a teacher individually, a Bboys break-dance and the highlight – the presentation of a \$10000 cheque to STSPMF. It was a memorable close of our celebrations.