



29th Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest

The essay contest is conducted annually by the Embassy of Japan and Consulates-General of Japan in Australia. Its aim is to encourage and develop a better understanding of Japan and Australia-Japan relations among Australian secondary school students.

Students from any Australian school between Years 7 and 12 are eligible to enter.

Topics

JUNIOR A DIVISION (Years 7-8) [700-1000 words]

Describe a Japanese invention that has had or you think will have a positive impact on life in Australia.

JUNIOR B DIVISION (Years 9-10) [1100-1400 words]

Imagine you are in Japan helping to prepare a Japanese student for an exchange trip to Australia. How would you describe some of the key differences between the two cultures regarding manners?

SENIOR DIVISION (Years 11-12) [1500-1800 words]

Japan and Australia share a very close friendship. Give examples of how our two nations have helped and supported each other throughout history up until the present, and how such mutual assistance has shaped and strengthened the Australia-Japan relationship.

Guidelines and entry details can be obtained from the Information Section of the Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney and online at

www.au.emb-japan.go.jp/e-web/education_essay.html

where you can also access archived first-place essays from 2001 onwards.

Timeline

The deadline for essays is **9 September 2011**.

Results will be announced between mid-December 2011 and early January 2012 on the Embassy website.

Prizes

The first place winners in the Junior B and Senior Divisions will win a **return air ticket to Japan***, courtesy of Japan Airlines. In addition, they will receive a **7-day Japan Rail Pass** (Ordinary Class) and **3 nights' accommodation at Shiba Park Hotel Tokyo** courtesy of JTB Australia Pty Ltd. The first place winner in Junior A Division will receive \$300 worth of books of her or his choice.

No correspondence will be entered into in relation to the prize conditions. Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable.



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* The definition of 'return ticket' is international flights between Sydney and Tokyo only and excludes the cost of domestic airfares, airport taxes and fuel surcharges.

The 1st JLPP Translation Competition

This year, the Japanese Literature Publishing Project (JLPP) will conduct the 1st JLPP Translation Competition. JLPP is sponsored by Japan's Agency for Cultural Affairs.

The JLPP Competition aims to "discover and foster brilliant translators who can help introduce and spread modern Japanese literature throughout the world."

Entrants must translate two pieces—one novel and one critique/essay—into either English or German. The texts and application details are already available for download on the JLPP website.

The application period is from 1 September to 30 November 2011.

www.jlpp.go.jp/en/competition/index.html

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) has been held since 1984 to assess the Japanese proficiency of non-native speakers. In 2009, more than 770,000 people sat the JLPT.

It is conducted by the Japan Foundation and Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (formerly the Association of International Education, Japan).

This year the test will be on

Sunday 4 December 2011.

In New South Wales, the exam is hosted by the University of New South Wales.

For details, see:

www.jpf.org.au/jlpt/

