

The 2nd Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and NT

The Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for Secondary School Students in New South Wales and the Northern Territory is back for its second year.

Students with curiosity, research and writing skills are encouraged to participate. Essays are written in English.

There are already several excellent contests that enable students to test their Japanese language skills, but writing in English will allow a broader range of high school students to enter a Japan-related contest. It is hoped entrants will learn more about Japan and Japan-Australia relations.

ESSAY TOPICS

Junior: Years 7 & 8 (700-1000 words)

You have been asked to organise a Japanese cultural festival for your local community. What aspects of Japanese culture would you introduce and how would you present them?

Senior: Years 9-12 (1300-1600 words)

Both Australia and Japan face the challenge of an ageing population. Discuss some of the specific strategies each country is debating and employing to address this issue.

PRIZES

First Place—Senior Division

Trip to Japan, courtesy of Japan Airlines and JTB Australia

A free return economy class air ticket from Sydney to Tokyo Narita, 7-Day Japan Rail Pass and 3 nights' accommodation at Shiba Park Hotel in Tokyo.*

First Place—Junior Division

\$300 worth of books

School of the Year

\$400 worth of books

Outstanding and Highly Commended

UNIQLO gift vouchers

ENTRY FORMS AND GUIDELINES are available on our website, or email a request to cginfo@sy.mofa.go.jp to have the documents sent to you.

www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp

DEADLINE: Thursday 20 August 2015

Are you a teacher or student at a regional or country school? We'd love to hear from you, too! Add your voice to the conversation about Japan and Australia.

The contest is grateful for the ongoing support of sponsors **Japan Airlines** and **JTB Australia** and supporter **Kinokuniya**, and it is a great pleasure to welcome **UNIQLO** as a new sponsor.

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Japanese Language Proficiency Test

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) has been held since 1984 and it is the largest-scale test of Japanese language in the world.

The test is widely considered as a benchmark to gauge the Japanese ability of non-native speakers. It not only acts as a reliable guide for government and corporate organisations, it is also a great way for students of Japanese to assess their own proficiency.

The JLPT is offered once a year on the first Sunday in December, in various cities around Australia, including Sydney.

The test is offered by the Japan Foundation and the Japan Educational Exchange and Services. In Australia, it is organised by the Japan Foundation Sydney in cooperation with host institutions around the country. Register online.

www.jpf.org.au/jlpt

Studying for the test

An official practice workbook based on past exams is available online at the JLPT website—

www.jlpt.jp/e/samples/sample12.html.

The Japan Foundation Sydney Library has study guides and past papers available for loan. They are also available through select bookstores.

TIP

A steady approach covering the test material is generally best and it is important to become familiar with the style of the test itself.

日本語能力試験