

Educational Resources

With teachers and students starting the new school year, it's a perfect time to look at some handy resources.

Web Japan

This is an excellent website to find reliable and interesting information in an ad-free environment. Within Web Japan, there are several pages to note.

Kids Web: content specifically designed with younger students in mind. From the top page you can navigate the 'Play', 'Learn' and 'Try' sections. This last section allows students to explore school life and food culture.

Japan Fact Sheets: information about Japan's geography, government, economy, society, culture and sports.

Trends in Japan: interesting reading for older students and members of the general public.

web-japan.org

Teacher's Kits

Teacher's kits containing fact sheets, magazines and booklets on various aspects of Japan, its people and culture, and posters and maps for the classroom may be obtained from the Consulate upon written request.

A small range of cultural items and DVDs is also available for borrowing.

School Visit Program

The Information Section of the Consulate-General of Japan, Sydney, conducts a school visit program open to both primary and secondary schools.

While it is not always feasible to meet requests, we do encourage schools in regional areas to approach us too.

For more details and how to apply see:

www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/english/education/school_visit.htm

The Japan Foundation, Sydney

Cultural events, talks, professional development for language teachers, language classes and a great library ... visit their website to see all that they offer and sign up to one of their monthly e-newsletters.

www.jpf.org.au

Awards Ceremony for the 2015 Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and the NT

On a beautiful early-summer afternoon, around 85 people gathered at the official residence of the Consul-General to recognise the achievements of the winners in the 2015 Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and the NT.



Prize winners, judges and sponsors with Consul-General Masato Takaoka

The award ceremony for the 2015 Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and NT Secondary School Students was held on 3 December. The ceremony was attended by prize-winning students, their families, school officials, sponsors and representatives from the NSW Department of Education.

The Consul-General of Japan in Sydney, Mr Masato Takaoka, presented



LEFT: Ms Genevieve Ma [centre] and Ms Andrea Connell, Principal, representing Sydney Girls High School, the 2015 School of the Year; RIGHT: Senior Division First Prize Winner Ms Maureen Olmo with sponsors Japan Airlines and JTB Australia and Consul-General Takaoka

awards, plaques and prizes to the 24 student winners and the School of the Year. He congratulated the students on their outstanding achievements, thanking teachers and parents for their support. He noted that competition had been very tough with 584 entries

received in this year's contest, praising the prize winners present and all the students who took part in the 2015 competition. He also thanked the official sponsors for their generous support. Mrs Haruko Asakura spoke on behalf of the judges.

The awards were followed by speeches from the **Junior Division First Prize Winner, Ms Renee Tsang** (Sydney Girls High School), the **Senior Division**



First Prize Winner, Ms Maureen Olmo (Northern Beaches Secondary College, Mackellar Girls Campus), and the **School of the Year, Sydney Girls High School.**

Full results of the 2015 Contest are available on our website.