Results of the 27th Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest

NSW School named School of the Year

Thank you

The Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney would like to thank all students and teachers who participated in the 2009 27th Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest and congratulate students who received outstanding and highly commended prizes.

The Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest is conducted annually by the Embassy and Consulates-General of Japan in Australia.

The Consulate hopes that the knowledge students gained writing their essays will contribute to the mutual understanding and respect between the Australian and Japanese people.

Prize Winners

SENIOR (Years 11 & 12)

Highly Commended

A full listing of prize winners from all states is available on the Embassy website together with the first-place essays in each division. See www.au.emb-japan.go.jp.

The School of the Year will receive \$400 worth of books.

An **awards ceremony** will be held for NSW prize winners during Term 1 2010 (March tbc).

PRIZE WINNERS — NSW

JUNIOR A (Years 7 & 8) Outstanding	Jane Hughes, Pymble Ladies' College Anne Jian, St George Girls High School Alyce Noney, St Columba's High School
Highly Commended	Jessica Bosman, St Columba's High School Thomas Dowdell, St Peter's Catholic College Benjamin Glitsos, Sydney Technical High School Rachel Hourigan, St Peter's Catholic College Shahana Moon, Penrith High School Samuel Turner, St Peter's Catholic College Mithila Zaheen, Penrith High School
JUNIOR B (Years 9 &10) Highly Commended) Joel Barrett, Penrith High School Lana Nguyen, Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Educational Resources

As another school year starts, we would like to remind readers that the Consulate has a range of materials available to help teachers and students with their studies of Japan, its culture and language.

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 upon written request.

Videos and DVDs may be borrowed by schools with no cost to the school apart from the cost of return postage. The catalogue can be emailed to teachers upon request.

A small range of cultural items may also be borrowed.

Web Japan

Don't forget this excellent website. **Kids Web:** content specifically designed with younger readers in mind. The basic Japanese lessons and virtual culture activities are well worth checking out.

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

Japan Fact Sheets: renewed! See here for information about Japan's geography, government, economy, society, culture and sports.

http://web-japan.org

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.

For more details and how to apply see: www.sydney.au.embjapan.go.jp/schoolvisits.html

St Columba's High School (Springwood, NSW)

SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Scott Parsonson, St Andrews Cathedral School

Jessie Leung, Cherrybrook Technology High School

Clarisse Salazar, Penrith High School

Jieon Yu, St Columba's High School