

Japan Foundation, Sydney—Update

The Japan Foundation Sydney is moving into temporary premises before arriving at its new home in Central Park across from UTS on Broadway later this year.

Keep up with what's happening by checking their website and social media sites.

Here are a couple of programs to keep in mind.



Voices – Call for papers NOW

Voices is a peer-reviewed academic journal for researchers produced by the Japan Foundation, Sydney.

PhD candidates and Masters and Honours graduates are eligible to submit.

newvoices.jpf-sydney.org/index.html

Information about these great contests for school students will be made available online.

Art Speaks Japanese

Now in its seventh year, this contest is open to primary and high school students.

The artworks introduced by the *Art Speaks Japanese* kit give students access to authentic expressions of thoughts, feelings and creativity of Japanese artists.

Be inspired!

www.jpf.org.au/artspeaks

Video Matsuri

Your task is to make a film using your creative abilities and your Japanese language skills.

The film should be no more than 3 minutes long.

It can take any form, but must include Japanese language and in 2014 an apple.

Action!

www.jpf.org.au/videomatsuri

45th Australian National Japanese Language Speech Contest

A great challenge for any Japanese language learner, students first compete at the state level in one of four categories.

To proceed to the national level, they must demonstrate excellence in both language and public speaking.

www.jpf.org.au/speechcontest

A great way to keep up to date is to get The Japan Foundation Sydney to contact you!



The Japan Foundation Sydney has four different newsletters that you can sign up to: **J-Central** (news & events), **J-Learner**, **J-Teacher** and the newly introduced **J-Studies** for academics and researchers.

www.jpf.org.au/jnewsletter/index.html

School visit program goes to Alice Springs

The Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney's school visit program was in Alice Springs from 5 to 7 March. It was the first time for the program to visit the Alice.



Alice Springs town centre seen from Anzac Hill

The school visit team's first stop was Alice Springs Language Centre (ASLC) where around 80 middle and senior high school students came from different schools to watch the consulate's presentation. As always the kimono demonstration was a highlight and the *kendama* (a traditional Japanese toy) proved a challenge to students. Consulate staff also had the opportunity to hear about language teaching in the area and were given an introduction to the distance learning facilities that are so important in outback Australia.



At Acacia Hill School

The following day began by observing two Japanese language classes at Braitling Primary School and Acacia Hill School where lessons are taught by ASLC teachers. The consulate then gave two presentations at St Philip's College.

Ms Michiko Makino, Consul for Information and Culture, said that she was very happy to see so many students studying Japanese and that she was "impressed by the wonderful job the Japanese teachers are doing".

The school visit team would like to thank all staff and students who welcomed them so warmly.

For information about the consulate's school visit program see:
www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/english/education/school_visit.htm