Results of the First Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW & NT Secondary School Students 2014

The Consulate-General of Japan is proud to announce the results of the inaugural Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for New South Wales and Northern Territory Secondary School Students.

Background
The former national Australia-Japan relations essay contest ended in 2013 in its thirty-first year, however, the Consul-General of Japan in Sydney, Mr Masato Takaoka was keen to provide students in NSW and the NT, the consulate’s jurisdiction, with the opportunity to learn about Japan and Japan-Australia relations. So the new contest for the secondary school students in NSW and the NT was born.

Thank you to all the teachers and students who took part in the contest. Thank you too to our sponsors JAL and JTB and to our supporter Kinokuniya for their renewed commitment to furthering understanding between Japan and Australia. The contest is planned to take place again in 2015 and will take place earlier in the academic year.

Prize winners

Senior Division (Years 9-12)

First

Ms Emily Kim
North Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Mr Luke English
Central Coast Grammar School

Outstanding

Mr James Patterson
Christian Brothers High School Lewisham

Outstanding

Mr Darius Dorrani
Holy Cross College

Outstanding

Ms Isabel Fang
Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Ms Bora Hyong
North Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Ms Yasmine Johnson
North Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Mr Joel Kennaway
NT Open Education

Outstanding

Ms Ivy Loncar
Randwick Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Ms Vivien Thuy Nguyen
Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Ms Karin Nishimuta-Jang
North Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Ms Jasmine Rou
Kambala

Outstanding

Ms Amy Zhu
Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Junior Division (Years 7-8)

First

Ms Simone Cooper
St Columba’s Catholic College

Outstanding

Mr Henry Donaldson
Cranbrook School

Outstanding

Ms Carey Guo
North Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Mr Emily Cong
North Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Mr Geran Dunlop
Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College

Outstanding

Mr Caleb Gill
Cardiff High School

Outstanding

Ms Josephine Greenall-Ota
Kambala

Outstanding

Mr Zaidyn Melrose
Elderslie High School

Outstanding

Mr Ryan Nightingale
St Columba’s Catholic College

Outstanding

Ms Rutika Ranade
Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Ms Joyce Wang
North Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Ms Jackie Yao
North Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

Ms Doris Zhang
Sydney Girls’ High School

Outstanding

School of the Year

The School of the Year Prize was awarded to North Sydney Girls’ High School, whose Japanese teachers have already given us a list of books that will be their prize. We hope they will prove useful to the Japanese language students.

The Junior Division first-prize winner also receives a prize of books, and the Senior Division first-prize winner receives a trip to Japan courtesy of our sponsors Japan Airlines (air ticket) and JTB Australia (travel and accommodation in Japan).

An awards ceremony will be held at the Consul-General’s Official Residence in early March. The ceremony is an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of the prize-winning students and schools.