

2020 Australia–Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and NT Secondary Students Awards Ceremony



Consul-General Kiya Masahiko's opening remarks

The awards ceremony commenced with Consul-General Kiya's opening remarks, followed by finalist judge **Dr Wes Robertson** giving the judges' comments. School of the Year went to **Merewether High School**, who was awarded in-person by the Consul-General during a pre-planned business trip in the Newcastle area. The two first prize winners, **Ms Sreeja Goureddy (Sydney Girls High School)** in the junior division and **Ms Annette Kim (Barker College)** in the senior division, both gave wonderful speeches.

Congratulations once again to all the prize-winning students and a heartfelt thank you to those who supported the contest, including our wonderful pre-readers, judges, sponsors **Japan Airlines** and **Tokyo Mart**, and supporter **Kinokuniya**.

On 11 December, Consul-General Kiya Masahiko hosted the award ceremony for the 2020 Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest at his residence.

We were pleased to see that the competition in 2020, despite the impact of COVID-19 on educators and students, was strong with our Consulate receiving over 410 entries. Of those, 23 students in total were awarded across the junior and senior divisions. While we would have liked to have been able to invite all of our award winners, unfortunately COVID-19 restrictions meant that we had to limit attendee numbers to the top prize winners in each division.



Prize winning students with the Consul-General, Dr Wes Robertson (second right front) and sponsors

View the full results online at:

www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/education_essay_contest_2020_results.html



オーストラリアで日本語を使う子どもを育てる

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A new network is being created via a Facebook group established in October 2020 — “Raising children using the Japanese language in Australia” (オーストラリアで日本語を使う子供を育てる).

The group's aim is to create a broader network of teachers and parents who are educating and raising Japanese-speaking children in Australia.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/735510927090013>

Heritage Japanese in Australia

Did you know that Australia has the third largest number of Japanese nationals in any country outside Japan? Many of the children of these Japanese nationals attend a local Australian school during the week and attend a Japanese language community school on the weekend. Some of these children have no plans to return to Japan. What role does Japanese language education have in the lives of these children and what sort of Japanese language education should be offered to them? These questions and the latest efforts regarding Japanese language education were introduced and discussed by Consul-General Kiya in his recent #31 newsletter (see link on p.4).