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JTAN December Newsletter 2015

EXAM WRITING WORKSHOP 28th November 2015

JTAN would like to sincerely thank all the participants for contributing assessment tasks. We hope that you have found the experience to be valuable and look forward to seeing you at the workshop again next year. We also thank **Rika Tsang** of Open High School and **Yuko Taki** of St Augustine's College Sydney for running the workshop successfully.

- From the Workshop Coordinators,
Kentaro & Hiromi

PROPOSED EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2016

JTAN is proposing to run the following events in 2016. We would like all members to please ensure that you read the January Newsletter, in which more detailed information and updated amendments will be delivered.

Date	Workshop	Venue
27 Feb. (Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extension Course Student Seminar	Barker College
19 Mar. (Sat) (TBC)	Teachers' Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and Accreditation Process• Teaching Anime in the Classroom	Japan Foundation Sydney (TBC)
18 Jun. (Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 12 Continuers Day (Oral only)	North Sydney Boys High School (TBC)
4-6 Jul. (Mon - Wed) (TBC)	Teachers' Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immersion Program for Teachers (2nights/3days program)	University of Sydney (TBC)
21 Jul. (Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 10 Day	University of Sydney (TBC)
23 Jul. (Sat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 12 Beginners Day (Oral, Reading and Listening)	Shore School (TBC)
3 Sep. (Sat) (TBC)	Teachers' Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing Resources• Using くりっくにっぽん	Japan Foundation Sydney (TBC)
15 Oct. (Sat)	AGM & Teachers' Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visible Learning• Differentiating the classroom	Japan Foundation Sydney (TBC)



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SAVE THE DATE: NSJLE 2016

The Japan Foundation, Sydney together with the Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education, is very pleased to announce the dates for the third **National Symposium on Japanese Language Education (NSJLE)** to be held in **Melbourne**.

Dates: 4th and 5th November, 2016

Location: Melbourne

REGISTER your interest now to receive updates: <http://jpf.org.au/NSJLE>

Furthermore, JTAN will consider providing partial or full travel and accommodation expenses for JTAN members who are selected to present for the NSJLE. Please send your **self-introduction**, the **abstract** for your presentation and **detailed travel and accommodation costs** to enquire@jtan.org.au. This is an exciting opportunity for members, so please consider attending and presenting your research results there!



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ON JAPANESE LANGUAGE
EDUCATION



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

A) Sakura Network – Project Proposal

Seeking to recruit Script writers, Illustrators, Actors/Actresses and Movie makers

As informed in the previous Newsletter, JTAN has joined the Japan Foundation, Sakura Network. As per the member agreement, JTAN has submitted a project grant application to the Japan Foundation.

In a JTAN survey conducted last February, a large number of Beginners course teachers requested course-specific resources. Therefore, our proposed project will be to create a Beginners targeted resource of module-based short videos, presenting target language, culture and other items in an interesting and fun way through manga, skits and explanations. The grant applications are highly competitive as The Sakura Network collects projects from all over the world. However, JTAN plans to implement this project regardless of whether we are awarded the grant or not in order to support our Japanese teaching community.



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We are seeking individuals who are interested in committing to this project from April 2016 until the end of March 2017. In particular, we need script writers, illustrators, actors and actresses and movie makers. The illustrators, actors and actresses can be your students. An honorarium will be rewarded at the completion of the project, possibly in May 2017. Communication between the project participants will primarily be carried out digitally, however there will be some face-to-face meetings as well.

At this stage, the project schedule is as follows:

Dates	Action
21 Dec. 2015 - 15 Mar. 2016	JTAN Committee and volunteers create mapping grid for all the video contents.
20 Mar. 2016	Selected script writers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be informed of the first meeting date and venue • Be advised to examine the mapping grid
2 Apr. 2016	The first meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm the mapping grid • Allocate five video scripts to each of the script writers • Hand out detailed instructions for writing the scripts and how to instruct the illustrator
3 Apr. 2016 - 5 Nov. 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each script writer aims to finish at least one video script per month. 2. When a draft script for a video (including the instructions to the illustrator) is written, the writer sends it to all the participants for comments. 3. If necessary, rewrite/alter the script. 4. Recruit movie maker/s and actors/actresses. 5. When a video script is completed, the movie maker/s and illustrator/s start creating the video. 6. Select five JTAN members to view and evaluate the videos. If necessary, the movie maker/s, illustrator/s and/or script writer/s amend a part/s of the video. 7. By 5th November, all the video scripts should be completed.
3 Dec. 2016 - 4 Mar. 2017	By 4 th March, JTAN aims to complete creating all 30 videos.
31 Mar. 2017	By 31 st March, JTAN submits all the videos and reports to the Japan Foundation.

We would like to recruit interested persons as soon as possible. For further information or to express your interest, please send an email to enquire@jtan.org.au.



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B) 3 Day / 2 Night Teacher Immersion Program

Seeking program coordinators and request for expressions of interest in participants

At our 2015 AGM, we received many expressions of interest from teachers for an immersion program. As a result, we are currently considering a 3-Day/2-Night program, possibly at the University of Sydney and nearby hotels from 4th - 6th July, 2016 (school holidays).

Planning for this event will depend greatly on the attendance numbers, so we would like to make a tally of interest. In addition, an event such as this can only happen when time is dedicated to planning, and so we are seeking any interested teachers who would like to work on coordinating this event. The coordinators will receive honoraria. Please email enquire@jtan.org.au to express your interest in attending the program with the following information:

- a. Name, address with post code, mobile phone number, preferred email address
- b. Native or non-native Japanese speaker
- c. Any requests you wish to include in the program
- d. Whether you can coordinate or can assist in organising the event
- e. Whether you think your Japanese productive skills are Excellent, Very good or Good
- f. Whether you think your Japanese receptive skills are Excellent, Very good or Good
- g. Others (any comments/opinions)

C) Year 12 Continuers and Beginners Day in non-metropolitan areas

Seeking coordinators and request for expressions of interest in participants

JTAN often provide mock HSC conversation opportunities to Year 12 Continuers and Beginners students in Sydney. Last June, **Allan Moore** of The Armidale School coordinated the Continuers and Beginners Days successfully in Armidale.

JTAN is seeking any interested teacher who wishes to coordinate Year 12 Continuers and Beginners Days within your region or who wishes to participate in such events.

Please email enquire@jtan.org.au expressing interest in coordinating or participating.

Regards,

Larissa Mitchell
Vice President JTAN



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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION 2016

The 2016 International Conference on Japanese Language Education (ICJLE) will be held on **9-10 September in Bali, Indonesia**. More information can be found at the following link:

<http://bali-icjle2016.com/programs/research-presentation-seminar/>

To register, you do not have to be a member of *Nihongo Kyouiku Gakkai*, and it would be an opportunity for you to present one of the following contents or attend and learn from other presenters.

Presentation topics

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| 1. Connection and Communities | 15. Syllabaries and characters/Vocabulary |
| 2. Reading/Writing | 16. Grammar |
| 3. Listening/Speaking | 17. Pragmatics |
| 4. Classroom | 18. Discourse |
| 5. Teaching materials/learning resources | 19. Sociolinguistics |
| 6. Assessment/Testing | 20. Corpus |
| 7. Young learners/Japanese residents | 21. Syllabus/Curriculum/Program |
| 8. Overseas students studying in Japan | 22. Identity(ies) |
| 9. Japanese for specific purposes | 23. Language policy |
| 10. Teachers | 24. Language learners |
| 11. Sociocultural approach/Situated learning | 25. Computer/Technology |
| 12. Intercultural communication | 26. Advocacy |
| 13. Language acquisition | 27. Japanese studies |
| 14. Phonology | 28. Others |

NSW GOVERNMENT - USEFUL DOCUMENTS

Please peruse the following document links at your leisure. You may find them useful!

- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-international-engagement>
Japanese language teachers may find the document on **Japan Strategy** interesting and useful for the discussion of 'Why Japanese?' Please note that there is also a Japanese-language version which can be used in the Japanese Extension classroom.
- <https://internationaleducation.gov.au/International-network/japan/countryoverview/Documents/Quick%20Facts%20on%20Japan%20-%20Australia%20Education%20and%20Research%20April%202015.pdf>
A 'quick facts' sheet published by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on Australia-Japan Education and Research. Japanese language teachers may find this useful for advocacy and can share it with their school community.



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JEWELS OF KYOTO: MAIKO OF GION

The Japan Foundation, Sydney is running an exciting Japanese cultural event in Term 1, 2016. There will be a subsidised school performance of 'Jewels of Kyoto: Traditional Dance and Music by Maiko of Gion' and will make a great excursion for students of Japanese.

Date: Wednesday 24th February, 2016
Venue: Darling Quarter, Darling Harbour Sydney

Bookings are required, so please see the **attached flyer** for further information.

Any enquiries may be directed to coordinators@jpf.org.au or (02) 8239 0055.

- Ben Trumbull
Program Coordinator
Japan Foundation, Sydney



AND FINALLY... HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

This Newsletter will be the last one for 2015 and the JTAN Committee wish you all a very merry and enjoyable holiday. We thank each and every one of you for your participation and contribution towards our association, and we look forward to spending another successful year with you.

