



## *Japanese Teachers' Association of NSW (JTAN) Inc.*

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### **JTAN June Newsletter 2016**

The JTAN Committee would like to thank all the teachers who have registered their students for the upcoming **Year 12 Beginners Day** (Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July). Sessions will be held at the Sydney Church of England Grammar School (SHORE) in North Sydney. If you have not already done so, please contact the convenor with the names of your participating students at [jtan.hiromi.terley@gmail.com](mailto:jtan.hiromi.terley@gmail.com).

We would like to thank the teachers who kindly attended the **JTAN Year 12 Japanese Continuers Day**. The annual speaking day was held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at North Sydney Boys High School. More than 200 students from 44 schools participated and were tested in a HSC-style oral format by a range of experienced HSC Japanese examiners. The students were given immediate feedback on their performances. We hope that speaking to a variety of Japanese teachers has given them confidence and that all benefited greatly from the day.



Amongst all the teachers who gave up their Saturday during such a busy season, we would like to particularly thank **Mrs Dorothy Commons**, Head of Languages of North Sydney Boys High School, who has provided us the venue for JTAN Continuers Day since 2007. She has always ensured the venue is open from early morning and stays until the end of the day to help marshal students during the event. We also thank the convenor, **Mr Tsukasa Ishida** from The Hills Grammar School, for organising the event. It was a successful day and we hope to see more participants next year.

We wish the students all the very best for their upcoming HSC Oral examination.

We hope you all have a restful break.

Kind Regards,

2016 JTAN Committee



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### **2016 JTAN UPCOMING WORKSHOPS – UPDATED (JUNE)**

Apply for workshops early to avoid disappointment through the JTAN website ([www.jtan.org.au](http://www.jtan.org.au)).

**Date:** Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> July – Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
10:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 – 15:00  
**Venue:** University of Sydney

#### **Student Holiday Workshops**

- HSC Examination skills

\$160 for Beginners/Continuers – 2 days (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July)  
\$100 for Extension – 1 day (6<sup>th</sup> July)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSED**

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**Date:** Thu. 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016  
**Time:** 09:30 – 14:30  
**Venue:** St. Aloysius' College, Milson's Point

#### **Year 10 Students' Day**

- Language and cultural activities

\$15 per student  
(Students must be taught by a member of JTAN)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSED**

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**Date:** Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016  
**Time:** 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 – 16:00  
**Venue:** Shore School, North Sydney

#### **Year 12 Beginners Day (for Students)**

- Speaking practice

\$15 per student  
(Students must be taught by a member of JTAN)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSED**

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**Date:** Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
**Time:** 09:30 – 15:30  
**Venue:** Japan Foundation Sydney (TBC)

#### **Teachers' Professional Development Workshop**

- Session 1: Sharing ICT Resources
- Session 2: *Kurikku Nippon*

\$60 per JTAN teacher member (\$90 for non-JTAN)  
\$30 per JTAN student member

**Payment Due Date: 13 AUGUST**

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**Date:** Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
**Time:** 09:30 – 17:00  
**Venue:** Japan Foundation Sydney

#### **\*\*AGM & Workshops\*\***

- Workshop 1: Concept-based programming
- Workshop 2: Differentiated classrooms

\$45 for JTAN members (\$90 for non-JTAN)  
\$25 per JTAN student member

**Payment Due Date: 23 SEPTEMBER**

- Lunch is provided
- Network drinks at Eve's Place Bar at Mercure Hotel after AGM & Workshops



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### **RESOURCES & EVENTS**

**Disclaimer:** The following information is introduced as a service to members of JTAN. However, JTAN does NOT endorse or hold responsibility for any activities associated with the following.

#### **NSW Speech Contest – Macquarie University**

The annual NSW Japanese Speech Contest encourages learners who are studying Japanese to showcase their language skills in a challenging context. It is jointly run by the Macquarie Japanese Studies Centre, the Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney, Japan Foundation Sydney, NSW Department of Education, and NSW university representatives.

For enquiries and information, please visit the Macquarie website:

[http://www.mq.edu.au/research/centres\\_and\\_groups/macquarie\\_japanese\\_studies\\_centre/](http://www.mq.edu.au/research/centres_and_groups/macquarie_japanese_studies_centre/)

You may provide these Speech Writing Hints to help your students prepare for the event:

<http://www.jpf-sydney.net/speechcontest2014/hints.html>

#### **Japanese Tea Ceremony – Winter Tea Gathering**

Join the Winter Tea Gathering this weekend in Sydney!

**When:** Sunday 3 July

**Time:** 11:00am – 3:30pm

Sessions are 45 minutes long: 11:00am, 11:45am, 12:30pm, 1:15pm, 2:00pm, 2:45pm.

**Where:** Maiden Theatre, The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, Mrs. Macquarie Road, Sydney

**Ticket:** \$25 for two servings of tea and traditional Japanese sweets

Please indicate which session you would like to attend when making your booking. Bookings can be made only by email: [chado.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:chado.sydney@gmail.com)

Enquiries can be made by phone to Misako: 0403 710 459 (Mon – Fri, 9:00-17:00).

Further details can be found at <http://www.urasenkesydney.org.au/events/>

#### **J-Dream Education Intern Program**

J-Dream Education's intern program is offered to current and past students of Japanese. In particular our program could be considered as a unique gap year opportunity for year 12 students. Please see the attached flyer for information. We are currently taking enquiries and expressions of interest for positions to begin in February / March 2017.

Please email: [jdream.education@gmail.com](mailto:jdream.education@gmail.com) for further information.

Kind regards,

Larissa Baba

J-Dream Education Program Director and Japanese Language Teacher



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**Satsuki Koto**



# JAPANESE WINTER NIGHT

YuNiOn Taiko Percussion  
&  
the Satsuki Odamura Koto Ensemble

WHEN: Sunday, July 31 2016. 6 PM – 9 PM  
(doors open at 5.00 PM)

WHERE: **Lazybones Lounge,**  
294 Marrickville Rd.  
Marrickville, NSW 2204  
(enter via Illawarra Rd)

TICKETS: \$15 (pre-booked)/\$20 (at door)  
at [trybooking.com/204424](http://trybooking.com/204424)  
[www.kotoensemble.com.au](http://www.kotoensemble.com.au) | [www.yunion.org](http://www.yunion.org)



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### **Japanese Essential Grammar for Speaking**

I would like to introduce my book “Japanese Essential Grammar for Speaking” which is actually a revised version of the book that I presented at the DoE Teachers' conference in 2007.

I have now revised the contents extensively and have finally self-published the book. This book is a basic grammar workbook which provides a clear explanation of basic grammar. Many examples and exercises are provided for oral activities in class, home or for self-study. The book is most suitable for those who have already learned Te-form and can be used as a first step towards HSC preparation.

Please visit the website <http://www.japaneseessential.com.au/> where you can view some sections/pages of the book or listen to the recordings in the CD which is included with the book. It can be bought through Kinokuniya Bookstore, Sydney.

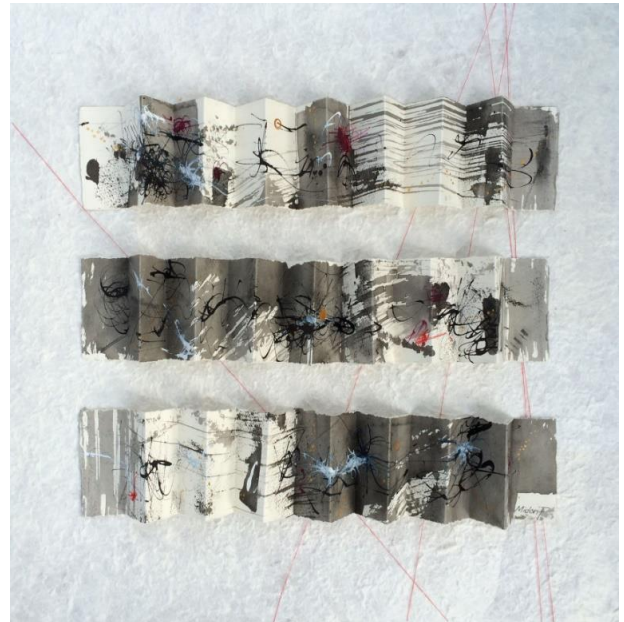
Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs Mayumi Tomi

### **Midori Furze – “Made/Arranged”**

6月30日～7月17日（火曜～日曜営業）  
お近くにお越しの際は是非お寄りください。  
Saint Cloche Gallery  
(37 MacDonald Street Paddington)  
オープニングは6月30日（木）6時～8時です。  
皆様にお会いするのを楽しみにしております。  
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Further information can be obtained from:  
[www.midorifurze.com](http://www.midorifurze.com)



### **How to Solve Australia' Language Learning Crisis**

An interesting article on language education in Australia:

<http://www.languageonthemove.com/how-to-solve-australias-language-learning-crisis/>



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**Online Resources**

Thank you to Ms Naoko Konishi for providing these online resources!

- <https://quizlet.com/mobile> - although this site is well known, there have been some great upgrades recently. Students can download the free app and utilize the flash cards which have vocal features as well. There is also a new interactive game called Quizlet Live!
- <https://youtu.be/nI7GttnRww> - Shiba Wanko, a popular children's book, now DVD and available on YouTube. The link provided has Chinese subtitles.
- <https://youtu.be/xsEjZPoEAWg> – Tokonoma
- <https://youtu.be/Xratt7cs1dE> – Japanology from NHK
- <https://youtu.be/u4nnXcrL8qQ> – Cooking with Dog
- <https://youtu.be/x8zb0Fk9Z8k> – Japanese Cooking 101