

The 2nd “Chinese Bridge” Preliminary Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students (WA, Qld, NT, ACT, SA)

To be held at the Confucius Institute at the University of Adelaide
July 10, 2009

INFORMATION SHEET

1. Introduction

The Hanyu Qiao Chinese Proficiency Competition provides an opportunity for students learning Chinese to demonstrate their Chinese proficiency, have a fun and rewarding experience, to meet other students interested in Chinese, and to motivate them to continue pursuing their language studies. The winners of the competition will also be given the opportunity to compete in the international finals in Chongqing, China in October.

2. Eligibility

Contestants must:

- Be between 15-20 years old
- Not be Chinese nationals
- Not have been born and raised in a Chinese speaking country and neither of whose parents are a native speaker of any form of Chinese
- Be enrolled as high school students
- Have had no more than 20 weeks in-country experience through Chinese exchange or overseas study

3. Nomination/registration of Contestants

Contestant registration forms need to be received by the Confucius Institute at the University of Adelaide no later than Monday June 1. Please post/email/fax registration forms to the address at the end of this information sheet.

4. Subsidies for interstate competitors (WA, Qld, NT, ACT)

Travel and accommodation subsidies will be provided to three students and one accompanying teacher from Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and ACT. Details of the subsidies will be advised. The subsidies will be paid after presentation of receipts.

Responsibility for nomination of **subsidised** students from WA, NT, Qld and ACT will be given to the respective Chinese language teachers' associations in the first instance. If states do not fill their quota of students these subsidies may be distributed to other states.

Non-subsidised interstate competitors are also welcome to register.

5. Competition

- 1) Prepared speech in Chinese (3 minutes) – 50%
- 2) Chinese cultural performance (maximum 5 minutes) – 25%
(eg Chinese songs, music, dance, folk arts, acrobatics, instrumental performance, calligraphy, painting, paper-cutting, kungfu, etc.)
- 3) Knowledge of China. – 25% General knowledge questions in English - format to be determined. Questions will be based on those from the Hanban website <http://219.153.68.110:1394/mtv/ckst.pdf> or www.chinesebridge.org

For the purposes of this competition each student acts as an individual competitor and not in representative teams.

6. Prizes and Awards

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third placed contestants overall. Prizes will also be awarded to the winners of each category.

The first, second and third placed contestants will be invited to compete in the international semi-finals and finals in Chongqing in October 2009.

7. Venue

The competition will be held at the North Terrace campus of the University of Adelaide. The University is centrally located and within walking distance of shopping and restaurant districts. <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/campuses/northtce/>

8. Accommodation in Adelaide

There are many options available close to the North Terrace campus.

For further information about accommodation in Adelaide, visit: <http://www.southaustralia.com/Accommodation.aspx>

9. 15th Annual Conference of the Chinese Language Teachers Federation of Australia

The Hanyu Qiao Chinese speaking competition is being held the day before, and in the same venue as the National conference, which will be on July 11-12. For further information about the conference, please see: <http://confucius.adelaide.edu.au/CLTFA09/>

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REGISTRATION FORM

Participant Details

Given name _____ Family name _____

Postal address _____ Date of birth _____

_____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact phone number _____ Email Address _____

Emergency contact person _____ Relationship to student _____

Emergency contact number _____

School Details

Name of School _____

Name of Chinese Language Teacher _____

Experience studying Chinese _____

Special Needs

Are there any special dietary or medical needs (e.g. vegetarian meals, wheelchair access required)?

(Attach a separate page for more details if required)

Subsidy

Is this application supported by the state Chinese Language Teachers' Association for a travel subsidy?
(WA, Qld, NT, ACT students only) **Yes / No**

If 'Yes': Name of Association representative _____

Signature _____

Confirmation of Eligibility

I confirm that the above named student is eligible to participate in the competition according to the criteria in the 'Information Sheet'.

Signature of Chinese Teacher _____

Name _____

Please forward completed registration forms to the address on the 'Information Sheet'.

Deadline – Monday June 1 (email/fax/post are all ok)