



THE **CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE** AT  
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



**2014 CHINESE SPEAKING COMPETITION**  
**Organized by**  
**The Confucius Institute at QUT**  
**in collaboration with**  
**Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Queensland**

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The Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) and the  
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## **I. Introduction**

In 2014 the Confucius Institute at QUT (CIQ) and the Chinese Language Teachers' Association of Queensland Inc. (CLTAQ) will organize a Chinese language speaking competition for Queensland primary and secondary school students.

This competition will be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2014 at QUT, Kelvin Grove campus.

For participants from outside South-East Queensland the Confucius Institute at QUT has a number of bursaries to assist with travel. Preliminary regional competitions will be held before May and winners of these competitions may be eligible for bursaries.

Representatives from the Consulate-General of PR China in Brisbane and local members of parliament will be invited guests. It is anticipated that many students of Chinese language will attend along with their teachers, their parents and community members.

Please also note that there will be a Chinese Bridge Competition on the same day (in the morning) for second language speakers aged 15 to 20, irrespective of whichever grades they are in. Students are encouraged to participate in this event. Please see further details in the "Chinese Bridge Competition Information Package".

## **II. Aim**

The main aims of the Chinese Speaking Competition are to promote the value of learning Chinese language, to give learners the opportunity to effectively express their ideas in Chinese, display their language skills and to gain confidence in using the language.

### III. Date and Venue

The CIQ & CLTAQ Chinese Speaking Competition will be held on **Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014**. All participants are required to register at 12:00 noon. Registration closes for all students at 12:30pm. The venue will be:

**Lecture Theatre, F Block, Level 5, Room F-509  
Queensland University of Technology  
Kelvin Grove Campus  
Victoria Park Road  
Kevin Grove Qld 4059** (QUT map is attached.)

### IV. Sections and Times

#### Second language speakers

**Section A (Years 11 & 12)  
Section B (Years 9 & 10)  
Section C (Years 7 & 8)  
Section D (Years 5 & 6)**

#### Background speakers

**Section E (Years 11 & 12)  
Section F (Years 9 & 10)  
Section G (Years 7 & 8)  
Section H (Years 5 & 6)**

All participants will be required to attend until 5pm. This is for equity for all participants to have a good audience to speak to.

There will be one 20 minute break and another 10 minute break throughout the afternoon.

**Official speeches and presentation of prizes** will be from **4.00 – 5.00pm at Lecture Theatre, F Block, Level 5, Room F-509.**

Please also note a number of merit prizes will be announced but to receive one of those prizes, the students will need to be present during the prize presentation.

### V. Eligibility

#### **Second language speakers - Sections A, B, C & D**

This category will be made up of Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 students enrolled at a day school as full time students and **neither of whose parents is a native speaker of any form of Chinese**. Students participating under the **Sections A, B, C & D** must have had **no more than six months in-country language experience through a China exchange or overseas study program.**

#### **Background speakers - Sections E, F, G & H**

This category will be made up of Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 students enrolled at a day school as full time students with one or both parents speaking a Chinese dialect as their native language and who (students) were (I) born in Australia or (II) born in Chinese speaking country/region (China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau or Singapore) but **settled**

**in Australia before their fifth birthday. Those students who arrived after their fifth birthday will not be eligible to take part in the Competition.**

## **VI. Entries**

A maximum of **four (4)** candidates who meet the eligibility criteria per school in each of the **Sections** respectively can enter. So the maximum number of each school is **32** candidates.

Nominations must be submitted on the Competition Registration Form.

**Schools where no teacher is a member of CLTAQ Inc. will be levied \$10 per contestant** (If any teacher of the school is a member of CLTAQ, his/her students are not required to pay). **Forms and cheques will be sent to:**

**Administrative Support Officer  
Confucius Institute  
Queensland University of Queensland  
Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove Qld 4059**

**Nominations close on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

## **VII. Rules**

### **(a) Format of Competition**

The subject, content and form of the speeches are left open to each contestant. Singing or karaoke performances are not permitted. The only aid to be used is palm card.

Contestants of Years 11 & 12, regardless of whether they are participating in **Section A** or **Section E** of the Competition, will be required to give a **2.5 to 3** minute speech.

Contestants of Years 9 & 10, regardless of whether they are participating in **Section B** or **Section F** of the Competition, will be required to give a **2 to 3** minute speech.

Contestants of Years 5, 6, 7, 8, regardless of whether they are participating in **Sections C & D** or **Sections G & H** of the Competition, will be required to give a **1 to 2** minute speech.

Please note that marks are deducted for shorter speeches.

### **Notes:**

- The content and form of the speech must be the work of the student taking part in the Competition.
- **Contestants** can seek advice from their Chinese teacher in preparing for their speech.

- **Teachers** definitely must **not** write or rewrite the **Speech** on behalf of the contestants.
- **Contestants** who do not prepare their own speech will be disqualified.
- School uniform is not compulsory, however neat presentation is encouraged.

**(b) Delivery of Speeches**

- Contestants should **not** read their prepared speech from written material. They will, however, be allowed to summarize the key points to be covered in their speech, on a single **Palm Card** (A6 size).
- Props or other aids will **not** be permitted.

**(c) Judging Criteria**

The following criteria will be used to assess the performance of each contestant.

<b>Content</b> [depth, breadth, structure, originality]	<b>30%</b>
<b>Pronunciation</b> [accuracy, tones, emphasis]	<b>30%</b>
<b>Fluency</b> [phrasing, pausing, intonation]	<b>20%</b>
<b>Presentation</b> [gesture, expression, timing, use of notes]	<b>20%</b>

A panel of judges will decide the winners. Aggregates of marks from all judges will be used to determine the place allocated to each contestant in the order of first, second, third and merit prizes. The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into about the decisions. The content of the judges’ discussion is confidential and not open to the public at any time.

**(d) Prizes**

All contestants will receive a certificate of participation and a souvenir. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place getters in each section as well as merit prizes.

- **First Prize winners in each section** will receive a trophy and an award to the combined value of \$260.

- **Second Prize winners in each section** will receive a trophy and an award to the combined value of \$210.
- **Third Prize winners in each section** will receive a trophy and an award to the combined value of \$160.

In addition to these prizes, there will be a series of merit prizes to the value of \$45 in each category. Contestants must be present at prize announcements to be eligible for merit prizes.

Should you require further information on this competition please contact:

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