



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

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Queensland Division of the 8th “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for International Secondary School Students

I. Introduction

The “Chinese Bridge” Competition is an annual event launched by the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban)/Confucius Institute Headquarters, Beijing. In 2015 this global final competition will be held in Kunming China.

The Confucius Institute at QUT (CIQ) has run the “Queensland Division of the Chinese Bridge Competition” successfully for the last four years. This year CIQ will continue to organize the Queensland Competition for senior secondary school students. Winners will receive prizes and be sponsored to participate in the competition held in China.

II. Aim

The “Chinese Bridge” Queensland Preliminary Competition aims to create an opportunity for senior secondary school students across the state to display their Chinese language ability, to learn more about Chinese language and culture and to promote the development of Chinese language teaching and learning in the state.

III. Date and Venue

Date: The Queensland division competition will be held on **Saturday, 30th May 2015**. (Contestants are required to register at 8:10 am on the day. The registration closes at 8:55 am and the competition begins at **9:00 am**. Please be punctual.)

Note: The “2015 Chinese Speaking Competition” will be held on the same day.

Registration Venue: **Queensland University of Technology, Kelvin Grove Campus.**
B Block Level 3 Room 301
Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove QLD 4059

IV. Competition Format

The competition consists of three sections.

- Section A is a 15-minute reading comprehension test. The test is made up of ten multiple choice questions. These questions relate to the basic knowledge of Chinese language and culture.
- Section B is a speech competition. A 2-3 minute speech in Chinese (Note: the same speech can be used in the “2015 Chinese Speaking Competition” in the afternoon).
- Section C is cultural performance. A 3-5 minute cultural performance relevant to Chinese culture – for example singing a Chinese song, a Tai Chi or Kung Fu demonstration, Chinese folk dancing, poetry recital, calligraphy, paintings, paper-cutting, or Chinese traditional musical instrument performance (e.g. Chinese flute, *erhu* etc.)

V. Eligibility

Contestants must meet the following requirements:

- 15-20 year-old (born between 1995 to 2000 inclusive) full time school students, currently enrolled in a day school in Queensland;
- Born in a non-Chinese speaking country/region;
- Have Australian citizenship, or hold Australian permanent residency visa;
- Neither of the parents is a native speaker of any form of Chinese.

Note: Those who have been either a participant or an observer in the final Bridge Competition in China in 2013 and 2014 are **not** eligible for this competition.

VI. Entries

- A maximum of six (6) candidates who meet the eligibility criteria per school can enter.
- Nominations on the Competition Registration Form must be received by email only.
- The email address is: confucius.institute@qut.edu.au

Nominations will close on Friday 15th May 2015.

- The program of the competition will be sent to the teachers by email one week before the competition.

VII. Rules

- All contestants are required to take the reading comprehension test at 9 am sharp, shortly after registration and have to finish the test within 15 minutes.
(Please ensure to arrive on time for the test!)
- The content of the speech must be the original work of the contestants.
- Contestants should not read from the prepared speech. However, prompts on cue card are allowed.
- Contestants must bring their own musical instruments or background music on discs for the performance.
- Two panels of judges are set up to score the contestants’ speech and cultural performances.
- No correspondence is allowed with the judges once the final scores are released.

VIII. Scoring Criteria

Composition of the total score:

Total Score (100) = Speech (60) + Reading Comprehension (10) + Cultural Performance (30)

Speech

60%

- Content (original idea, coherent text, accurate wording)
- Fluency (clear pronunciation, correct intonation, fluent expression)
- Presentation (proper gesture, convincing utterance, popular appeal)

Reading Comprehension

10%

- Finish the test within 15 minutes. Each correct answer will score 1 point

Cultural Performance

30%

- Global scoring by overall performance

IX. Prizes

- Overall, there will be six prizes, which include first prize, second prize, third prize and three merit prizes. The rest of the contestants will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift.
- The first, second and third prize winners will be recommended to Hanban and may become eligible to compete or to observe for the world semi-final and final competitions in China in October 2015. For those who will go to the final competition in China, their related costs for participating in the competitions in China (including return international airfare, food and accommodation in China) will be covered by Hanban. (Please note that any local travel cost in Australia, for example, domestic travel to catch the international flights, must be paid by the contestants.)
- QUT will provide limited support to the three successful students (first, second and third prize winners) of the Queensland Division competition on 30th May, and communicate with the registered teachers of those students in regard to participation in the competition to be held in Kunming, China.

X. Awards Ceremony

Prize giving ceremony will be held in **F Block Level 5 Room 509 Lecture Theatre** at **4:00 pm**. All contestants (all Teachers and Parents are welcome) are required to be present at the ceremony. Winners will be announced and presented with prizes.

XI. Further Information

For more information about the annual international “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students, please visit: <http://bridge.chinese.cn/>

XII. Contact Details

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**Registration Form for the Queensland Division of the 8th "Chinese Bridge"
Chinese Proficiency Competition for International Secondary School Students
(Saturday 30th May 2015)**

姓名/Name: _____

姓/Family Name: _____ 名/Given Name: _____

性别/Sex: _____ 邮件地址 Email address: _____

出生日期/Date of Birth: _____ 出生地点/Place of Birth: _____

城市/City: _____ 国家/Country: _____

国籍/Nationality: _____ 就读学校/School: _____

就读年级/Grade: _____ 学习汉语时间/Period of Chinese learning: _____

中国文化表演/ Type of Chinese Cultural Performance: _____

* If a contestant requires any music for his/her performance, please email it to confucius.institute@qut.edu.au by 5:00 pm on **Friday, 22nd May 2015**.

* Please note that contestants will need to bring their own instruments or a copy of the music on Saturday, 30th May 2015.

选手监护人是否同意该选手前往中国参加第八届“汉语桥”世界中学生中文比赛决赛?

Do the guardians agree that the applicant can go to participate in the final "Chinese Bridge" competition in China if he/she is able to qualify for it after the QLD Division competition?

同意/Yes:

不同意/No:

监护人签字/Signature of the applicant's guardian:

_____/_____/_____
日期/Date:

Teacher’s Nomination:

I hereby certify that the student named above satisfies the eligibility criteria.

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Teacher Date

Name, Telephone & Email Address of the Teacher (the person certifying eligibility)

Acknowledgement of support by Principal/Deputy Principal/Head of Department.

On behalf of the school, I acknowledge the participation of the student in this registration form, and agree to provide reasonable support for the student, if awarded a prize on 30th May to Travel to China in October 2015 for the purpose of participating in the International Chinese Bridge Competition to be held in China.

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Principal/Deputy Principal Date
Head of Department

Name, Telephone & Email Address of the Teacher (the person certifying eligibility)

REGISTRATION CLOSES – 5.00 pm, Friday, 15th May 2015.

Please submit this signed application form **by email only** to confucius.institute@qut.edu.au.

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Name list of each school's contestants

Name of School _____

No.	Grade	Contestant Name		Gender	Nationality	Title of speech	Type of cultural performance
		First	Last				

Schedule for the Queensland Division of the 8th Chinese Bridge Competition

Saturday 30th May 2015

B Block, Kelvin Grove Campus, QUT

Section		Time	Venue	Note
Registration		8:10am –8:55am	B301	Registration closes at 8:55am
A	Reading Comprehension	9:00am-- 9:15am	B302	Break time for judges B 302 (10:20-10:30 am) B201b for parents , teachers and students to use
B	Speech	9:20am -- 11:50am	B304	
C	Performance		B301	
Awards Ceremony		4:00pm--5:00pm	Lecture Theatre, F Block, Level 5, Room 509	Teachers, parents, Judges and volunteers are all welcome