



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



The 6th “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students

Queensland Preliminary Competition

Organized by

The Confucius Institute at QUT

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I. Introduction

The “Chinese Bridge” Competition is an annual event of the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban)/Confucius Institute Headquarters, Beijing. In 2008, the competition for secondary school students was launched and since then numerous students from all over the world have participated in it. The winners of preliminary contests throughout the world will be selected and sponsored by Hanban for the final bridge competition or observation in China.

In 2013, the Confucius Institute at QUT will continue to organize the Queensland Preliminary Competition for secondary school students. Winners will receive prizes and may be eligible for free trips to China or scholarships to study in China.

II. Aim

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

III. Date and Venue

Date: The competition will be held on Saturday morning, 18th May 2013. (Contestants are required to register at 8:30 am. The registration closes at 8:55 am and the competition begins at 9:00am. Please don’t be late).

Note: This is the same day as the “2013 Chinese Speaking Competition”(held on that afternoon)

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

IV. Competition Format

- The competition consists of three sections. Section A is a 10-minute written test about Chinese language culture. The test is made up of ten questions chosen from the model test attached to the package information. Section B is speech competition. Section C is talent performance.
- A 3-minute speech in Chinese (Note: the same speech can be used in the “2013 Speaking Competition” on that afternoon).
- A 3-5- minute cultural performance relevant to Chinese culture – for example singing in Chinese, a Tai Chi or Kung Fu demonstration, Chinese folk dancing, poetry recital, calligraphy, paintings, paper-cutting, or Chinese musical instrument performance (e.g. Chinese flute, *erhu*)

V. Eligibility

To participate in the competition, contestants must meet the following requirements:

- 15-20 year-old (born in between 1993 to 1998 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 selected by Hanban and participated / observed the final Bridge Competition in China in 2011 and 2012 are not eligible for this competition.

VI. Entries

- A maximum of four (4) 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 3rd May 2013.

- (The agenda of the competition will be sent to the teachers and the contestants by email one week before the competition.)

VII. Rules

- All contestants are required to take the test shortly after registration and have to finish the test within 10 minutes (Be sure to come to take the test on time)
- The content of the speech must be the original work of the contestants.
- Contestants should not read the prepared speech. However prompts on cue card are permitted.
- Contestants must provide their own instruments or background music discs for the performance.
- Two different panels of judges are set up to score the contestants' speech and talent performances.
- No correspondence is allowed with the judges once the final scores come out.

VIII. Scoring Criteria

Composition of the total score:

Total Score (100) = speech (60) + Test of ten questions (10) + talent 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)

Test 10%

- Finish the test within 10 minutes. Each correct answer will score 1 point

Talent performance 30%

- Global scoring by overall performance

IX. Prizes

- Trophies will be awarded on overall performance to the first (one contestant), second (one contestant) and third prize (one contestant) winners. The rest of the contestants will receive a certificate of participation and will receive a small gift for their participation.
- The first and second and third prize winners (altogether three winners) will be recommended to Hanban and may become either eligible to compete for the world semi-final and final competitions in China, or to support the competitors in China in Oct. 2013. For those selected by Hanban, the 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 cost of local travel in Australia, for example, domestic travel to catch the international flights, must be paid by contestants themselves.)

X. Awards Ceremony

Prize giving ceremony will be held at 4 o'clock on that afternoon. All contestants (Teachers and Parents are all 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 log onto www.chinesebridge.org, and www.bridge.chinese.cn.

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Registration Form

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Last name _____ First name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email address _____

School _____ Student Number _____

Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Place of Birth: City _____ Country _____

Nationality _____

Title of Speech _____

Type of Cultural Performance* _____

* Please note that contestants will need to bring along their own instruments or discs.

Applicant's signature _____

Certification:

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

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Signature of Teacher

Date

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

REGISTRATION CLOSES – 5.00pm, Friday, 3rd May, 2013.

Please submit this signed application form by email, fax or post to the Confucius Institute at The Queensland University of Technology (details listed below).

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