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PROGRAM

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Prizes

Division	1st	2nd	3rd	Melbourne-Osaka Award	Audience Prize	Commendation
High School Senior	$400, Trophy	$250	$150			$100
High School Background	$400 Trophy	$250	$150			
Open	$1,500 Trophy	$500	$300	$2,500 and 1 week homestay in Osaka	$100	$100
Open Beginners	$400 Trophy	$250	$150			$100
Open Background	$400 Trophy	$250	$150			

The Melbourne-Osaka Sister City award (MO award) is given to the highest-ranked contestant in the Open Division who has been judged eligible. It **replaces** the cash prize listed for 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize for which the awardee would otherwise have been eligible.

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(Subject to minor changes)

SESSION 1: HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR DIVISION & HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BACKGROUND SPEAKER DIVISION

9:00 am **OPENING OF CONTEST**

Opening Address
Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne
Mr FURUYA Tokuro

Introduction of the Judging Panel

9:15 am **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BACKGROUND SPEAKER DIVISION**

9:30 am **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR DIVISION**
There will be one short break during this division

11:00 am **PRESENTATIONS END / JUDGES' MEETING**

11:30 am **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES**

Congratulatory remarks
Mr HORIE Takashi, President, Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Melbourne

Chief Judge's Comments

Presentations of Prizes and The Japanese Society of Melbourne Perpetual Trophies
Mr FURUYA Tokuro, Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne
Mr TABIRA Yuji, President, Japanese Society of Melbourne

11:45 Session 1 closes **LUNCH RECESS**

JUDGES (Morning Session)

Chief Judge

Professor Ikuko Nakane
Japanese Program, Asia Institute
The University of Melbourne

Judges

Professor Kaori Okano
Emeritus Professor
Humanities & Social Sciences School Operations,
LaTrobe University

Mr Aleks Grizelj
Commercial Adviser, Suburban Rail Loop Authority
Corporate Planning Division

SESSION 2: OPEN BEGINNER, OPEN & OPEN BACKGROUND SPEAKER DIVISIONS

12:30 pm **OPENING OF CONTEST**

Opening Address
Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne
Mr FURUYA Tokuro

Introduction of Judging Panel

12:45 pm **OPEN BEGINNER DIVISION**

1:05 pm **OPEN BACKGROUND SPEAKER DIVISION**

Judging break (10 minutes)

1:30 pm **OPEN DIVISION**

There will be three short breaks during this division

5:00 pm **PRESENTATIONS END**

Voting for the Audience Prize

Recess / Judges' Meeting

5:30 pm **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS AND PRESENTATIONS OF PRIZES**

Congratulatory Remarks
Mr SUGITA Shinichi, Sports/PR Chair, Japanese Society of Melbourne
Councillor Gladys Liu, Melbourne City Council

Judges' Comments

Presentation of Prizes for each division and The Japanese Society of Melbourne Perpetual Trophies
Mr FURUYA Tokuro, Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne
Mr TABIRA Yuji, President, Japanese Society of Melbourne

Melbourne-Osaka Sister Cities Award
Councillor Gladys Liu, Melbourne City Council

Closing remarks: Dr Robyn Spence-Brown, President, JLSCV Inc.

6:00 pm **RECEPTION**
Contestants and audience members are invited to join us for refreshments

JUDGES

Chief Judge
Mr Satoshi Sanada
Manager, Evaluation and Analysis - Victorian School Building Authority

Judges
Professor Yoko Nakai
Institute of Japan Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Ms Mayumi Honzu
Head of Learning Languages, Caroline Chisholm Catholic College