

## The Tenth Annual Wellington Regional Japanese Speech Competition in 2019

The tenth annual Wellington regional Japanese Speech Competition was held on Thursday, 20 June 2019 at Taraika Marae, Wellington High School. The competition was organised by the Wellington Association of Japanese Language Teachers with the support of the Japan Foundation.

27 contestants from nine secondary schools took part, and the total audience including teachers, was 62 people. Students spoke on a variety of topics, including “Hosting a student from Japan”, “Why is Japan the most polite country”, and “My dream”.



**Congratulations to all of the winners!**



**Ambassador's prize winner Miss Imali De Silva (Year 12, Hutt Valley High School), Mr. Kiyohiko Hamada (Director, Japan Information & Cultural Centre, Embassy of Japan)**



**Year 10 category winners:**

- 1st – Elena Revelant (Queen Margaret College) (2nd from right)**
- 2nd – Nathan Martindale (Wellington College) (3rd from left)**
- 3rd – Jean Tamihere (Wainuiomata High School) (Right)**
- HC – Cedar Porteous (Tawa College) (Left)**
- (\*HC= Highly Commended)**



**Year 11 category winners:**

- 1st – Anna Li (Queen Margaret College) (Right)**
- 2nd – Nadia Prasetyo (Upper Hutt College) (4th from left)**
- 3rd – Jaden Kim (Wellington College) (2nd from left)**
- HC— John Reeve (Onslow College) (Left)**



**Year 12 category winners:**

- 1st – Imali De Silva (Hutt Valley High School) (2nd from right)**
- 2nd – Gina Dao-McLay (St Mary's College) (2nd from left)**
- 3rd – Fiona Bogunovic (Onslow College) (Left)**



**Year 13 category winners:**  
**1st – Anna Liu (Wellington High School) (Centre)**  
**2nd – Nicholas Stephens (Wellington College) (Left)**



**Heritage Students category winner:**  
**Zoe Allen Maitland (Tawa College)(Left)**