

The Eighth Annual Wellington Regional Japanese Speech Competition

The eighth annual Wellington regional Japanese Speech Competition was held on Friday, 30 June 2017 at Taraika Marae at Wellington High School. The competition was organised by the Wellington Association of Japanese Language Teachers with the support of the Japan Foundation.

34 contestants from ten secondary schools and Victoria University took part, and the total audience, including teachers, was about 80 people. Students spoke on a variety of topics, including “Homestay”, “Why I dance”, and “My school”.

Miss Christine Chow (Onslow College) was awarded to the Ambassador’s prize

Congratulations to all of the participants!



Ambassador’s prize winner: Miss Christine Chow (Onslow College)
with Ambassador Toshihisa Takata.



Year 10 category winners:

- 1st – Katherine Chow (Onslow College) (left)
 - 2nd – Imali De Silva (Hutt Valley High School) (2nd from right)
 - 3rd – Victoria Ryan (Queen Margaret College) (right)
 - HC – Gina Dao - McLay (St Mary’s College) (2nd from left)
- (*HC= Highly Commended)



Year 11 category winners:

- 1st – Eddy Horwood (Wellington College) (left)
- 2nd – Maxing Cabug (Upper Hutt College) (2nd from right)
- 3rd – Julia Manlangit (Wainuiomata High School) (right)
- HC—Liam Matheson (Wellington High School) (2nd from left)



Year 12 category winners:

- 1st – Antonia King (Queen Margaret College) (left)
- 2nd – Rebacca Voong (Hutt Valley High School) (2nd from left)
- 3rd – Christine Chow (Onslow College) (right)
- HC – Nathan Carter (Wellington College) (2nd from right)

Year 13 category winners:

- 1st – Lydia Joyce (Onslow College) (left)
- 2nd – Lena Ammon (Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School) (2nd from left)
- 3rd – Jiaru Lin (Queen Margaret College) (2nd from right)
- HC – Matthew Canlas (Wellington College) (right)



University Students category winner:
Tessa Llewellyn-Dransfield (Victoria University)



Heritage Students category winner:
Hinako Percival (Heretaunga College)