

Japanese Teachers' Association of NSW



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Hi Everyone

あけましておめでとうございます。

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating break and are ready for what is sure to be another eventful year for Japanese teaching in NSW.

JTAN Membership, Examination and Workshop Mail Out

Most of you would have already received the mail out package from JTAN that contains the membership forms, examination order forms and workshop details for 2010. Attached to this email is an electronic version of the above mail out. If you have any further questions or enquires regarding the above, please don't hesitate to contact JTAN at enquire@jtan.org.au.

When filling out the application forms, can members please ensure that they write their details clearly, particularly email addresses? This is important, as the main form of communication JTAN utilizes with its members is electronic.

Exam Orders

Please note the closing date for both Trial and Preliminary examinations is **30th April 2010**. To avoid disappointment it is essential that orders for all examination papers be received by this date. **Late orders will be accepted, however, they will incur a late fee of \$50 per examination paper. Orders will NOT be processed during the July holidays.**

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Teacher Essentials Workshop

On 5th December, 22 practising and pre-service teachers participated in an extremely useful FREE workshop held at The Japan Foundation Sydney. The focus of the workshop was teaching essentials in the Japanese classroom.

The workshop was divided into 3 sessions. The first session focused on classroom management and teaching. This was an extremely beneficial session and JTAN would like to sincerely thank Mr Joseph El-Khoury for offering his expertise in this area.

The second session focused on making programme and register documents more useful in the language classroom. Teruko Sharif presented this session and participants' feedback indicated that this session was informative and extremely useful.

In the final session, participants worked in small groups to create assessment tasks for stage 4 and 5. These assessment tasks have been uploaded to the JTAN website under the Teaching and Assessment section.

JTAN would like to sincerely thank the Japan Foundation Sydney and Teruko Sharif for her tireless efforts in ensuring this day was a success and for her continual involvement in improving and supporting Japanese teaching in NSW.

Website Resources

JTAN would like to thank those members who have uploaded some amazing resources to the Teaching and Assessment section of the JTAN website (www.jtan.org.au). We would like to continue to encourage members to upload further resources so we can all share the great things you are doing in your classrooms. If you are having difficulty in uploading resources please contact us at enquire@jtan.org.au.

Website Update

The website has now been updated with a calendar. This will have all JTAN events along with other Japanese teaching events that may be of use to you. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the website please don't hesitate to contact JTAN at enquire@jtan.org.au.

Beginners and Continuers Writing Workshop

JTAN will hold a workshop for Stage 6 teachers on 13th March at The Japan Foundation Sydney. The focus of this workshop will be on writing in the Beginners and Continuers courses, particularly the 100 – 150ji and 250ji writing tasks. If you would like to attend this workshop please fill out the application form, which is enclosed in the January mail out. The application form is also attached to this newsletter and is also on the JTAN website.

Enjoy the first term,

Aaron McLuckie
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