



**The 16th “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition
for Foreign Secondary School Students
The South Island Regional 2023**

The "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition aims to encourage students in learning Chinese and strengthen their understanding of Chinese language and culture.

Categories:

- Senior Category (Year 11-13, 14-20 years old)
- Junior/Primary Category (Up to Year 10, under 14 years old)

Eligibility of Participants:

According to the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC)'s rules, students representing New Zealand in the International Competition in China must be:

- i. A New Zealand citizen or New Zealand permanent resident (non-Chinese citizenship);
- ii. Brought up in countries and regions outside of China;
- iii. First language is NOT Chinese. Neither parent can be native speakers of Chinese;
- iv. Full-time students enrolled in the South Island.

If someone is unclear about the eligibility of a candidate, they should raise the issue with the organising committee (for more information about how to do this, please contact Yujia Song yujia.song@canterbury.ac.nz). The organising committee will decide based on the available information. The committee's decision is final.

Registration Deadline for Regional Competition: (1st May 2023)

- i. The instructor or the Lead Teacher of the Chinese programme should complete the online application <https://forms.gle/hrPZG8D42ZfpCC9x6>
- ii. Submitting Letter of Authorisation ([Attachment 1](#)) and Letter of Consent ([Attachment 2](#))

Topic:

Topic for Senior Category:

天下一家 (One world, One family)

Topic for Junior Category:

学会中国话, 朋友遍天下 (Learn Chinese, Double Your World)

Time and Venues for Regional Competitions:

	Time and date	Venue	City
Lower South Island Competition	15.00 –19.00 Thursday 18th May	Columba College	Dunedin
Upper South Island Competition	13.30-16.30 Sunday 21st May	University of Canterbury	Christchurch
South Island Final	13.30-16.30 Sunday 28th May	University of Canterbury	Christchurch

Format of the Competition:

- **Senior Category**

The Competition consists of three sections: Chinese Language Speech, Question and Answer and a Talent Presentation. Contestants are encouraged to wear traditional Chinese costumes, or their own traditional dresses if desired. Students are asked to not wear their school uniforms.

- 1) **Chinese Speech:** For this section, each student is required to give a speech for no less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes. Students are encouraged to use props or other forms of demonstration to enrich their presentations. It is not recommended that students simply read from a prewritten script. Their speeches will be judged according to the content of the speech, presentation, pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar. This section makes up 70% of the total score.
- 2) **Q & A:** Immediately after the speech, the student will select a pre-prepared question from a pool ([Attachment 3](#)) and answer it in Chinese. One of judges will then ask for more details from the contestants, which should be answered in Chinese. The question list will be provided to all contestants in advance. This makes up 20% of the total score.
- 3) **Talent Presentation:** Each student is required to choose one performance art such as singing (preferably) Chinese songs, playing an instrument, dancing, acrobatics, calligraphy, painting, paper-cutting, martial arts, etc. The presentation should last for no more than 3 minutes. The makes up is 10% of the total score.

Judging Criteria for the Senior Category

Sections	1) Chinese Speech				2) Q&A	3) Talent	Total
Judging Criteria	Content 20%	Delivery 20%	Pronunciation 20%	Vocabulary and Grammar 10%	Accuracy / Completeness / Reaction Speed 20%	Artistry / Appeal / Complexity 10%	Language Part+ Talent
Percentage	90% (Language Part)					10%	100%
Ranking Priority	2					3	1

- **Junior/ Primary Category**

The Competition consists of two sections: Chinese Speech and Talent Presentation. Contestants are encouraged to wear traditional Chinese costumes, or their own traditional dresses if desired. Students are asked to not wear their school uniforms.

- 1) **Chinese Speech:** Each student is required to give a speech for no less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes. Students are encouraged to use props or other forms of demonstration to enrich their presentations. It is not recommended that students simply read from a prewritten script. Their speeches will be judged according to the content, presentation, pronunciation and grammar. This section makes up 90% of the total score.
- 2) **Talent presentation:** This is also part of the final competition. Each student is required to choose one performance art such as singing (preferably) Chinese songs, playing an instrument, dancing, acrobatics, calligraphy, painting, paper-cutting, martial arts, etc. The presentation should last for no more than 3 minutes. The judges will evaluate each student's performance by artistry and appeal. This makes up 10% of the total score.

Judging Criteria for the Junior Category

Sections	1) Chinese Speech				2) Talent	Total
Judging Criteria	Content 30%	Presentation 20%	Pronunciation 20%	Vocabulary and Grammar 20%	Artistry / Appeal / Complexity 10%	Language Part+ Talent
Percentage	90% (Language Part)				10%	100%
Ranking Priority	2				3	1

School Representatives for Regional Competition:

Each school or institute should arrange their selection for the competition prior to the regional competition. CIUC encourages the inclusion of competition activities as a part of classroom activities for all students undertaking the Chinese language programme within your school or institution. Each school can nominate up to five representatives for the Senior and Junior/ Primary Student Categories respectively. Schools with more than ten participants in the school competition in any given category are allowed to recommend one more representative in the Regional Competition.

Prizes for Regional Competition:

- Senior Category: Prizes and certificates will be issued according to each student's placing in the Competition. There will be three to five winners, depending on the total number of registered students in the category. The winners will go on to represent the Lower or Upper South Island to compete in the South Island Final in Christchurch.
- Junior/Primary Category: Prizes and certificates will be issued according to each student's placing in the Competition. There will be three to five winners, depending on the total number of registered students in the category. The winners will go on to represent the Lower or Upper South Island to compete in the South Island Final in Christchurch.

Prizes for South Island Final:

- Senior Category: Prizes and certificates will be issued according to each student's placing in the competition. The top five winners will represent the South Island to compete in the National Final.
- Junior/Primary Category: Prizes and certificates will be issued according to each student's placing in the competition.

For further inquiries, please contact Yujia Song from CIUC at yujia.song@canterbury.ac.nz

Attachment 1: [Letter of Authorisation](#)

Attachment 2: [Letter of Consent](#)

Attachment 3: [Questions List for Senior Category](#)

