



**The 22<sup>nd</sup> “Chinese Bridge”  
Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Tertiary Students  
The South Island Regional 2023**

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

**Category:**

Tertiary Students Category (under 30 years old)

**Eligibility of Participants:**

According to the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation'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 tertiary 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](mailto: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: (1<sup>st</sup> May 2023)**

- i. The Instructor or the Lead Teacher of the Chinese programme should complete the following online application: <https://forms.gle/hrPZG8D42ZfpCC9x6>
- ii. Plus submitting the Letter of Authorisation ([Attachment 1](#))

### Topic:

天下一家 (One world, One family)

### Time and Venues

	Time and date	Venue	City
Final Competition	13:30-16:30 Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	University of Canterbury	Christchurch

### Format of the Competition:

The competition consists of three sections: Chinese Language Speech, Question and Answer and a Talent Presentation. Students may wear traditional Chinese costume, or their own traditional dresses if desired.

- 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 pre-written 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 4](#)) 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. This makes up 10% of the total score.

### Judging Criteria for Tertiary Students Category

Sections	1) Chinese Speech				2) Q&A	3) Talent	Total
Judging Criteria	Content 20%	Presentation 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

### Awards:

Prizes and certificates will be issued according to each student's placing in the competition. The first-place winner will travel to China (all expenses included, event and timing to be

confirmed) to represent New Zealand in the Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency International Competition later this year. The second-place winner will have the opportunity to travel to China (all expenses included) to observe the International Competition. (TBC)

For further inquiries, please email Yujia Song, Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury at [yujia.song@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:yujia.song@canterbury.ac.nz).

More information about the “Chinese Bridge” Competition is available at <http://bridge.chinese.cn>.

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Attachment 1: [Letter of Authorisation](#)

Attachment 4: [Questions List for Tertiary Category](#)