



**The 20th “Chinese Bridge”
Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students
The South Island Regional 2021**

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 (age 18-30)

Eligibility of Participants:

According to 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. Born and 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 enrolled tertiary students 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 Zhengnan Shen zhengnan.shen@canterbury.ac.nz). The organising committee will make a decision based on available information. The committee’s decision is final.

Registration Deadline for Regional Competition: (14 May 2021)

- i. The Instructor or the Lead Teacher of the Chinese programme should complete the online application
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvFOt626MSdcKlquvQZeSkclAFjVisdDiHYmrx04cpBTQSLA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- ii. Submitting Letter of Authorisation ([Attachment 1](#))

Topic:

天下一家 (One World, One Family)

Format of the Competition:

The Competition consists of three sections: Chinese language speech, Question and Answer and a Talent Presentation. Students may wear school uniforms, 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 prewritten script. Their speeches will be judged according to the content of the speech, presentation, pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar. The score is 70% of the total.
- 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.

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.

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