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第十九届“汉语桥”世界中学生中文比赛奥克兰赛区赛

The 19th "Chinese Bridge" Proficiency Competition for New Zealand Secondary School Students - Auckland Regional Competition

“工商银行杯·汉语桥”中文比赛

"ICBC Cup - Chinese Bridge" Proficiency Competition 2026

1. Aims:

- To provide a platform for secondary school students to showcase their proficiency in the Chinese language.
- To foster students' interest and enthusiasm in learning Chinese while deepening their understanding of Chinese language and culture.

2. Date: 13:00-17:00, Saturday 23rd May 2026

3. Venue: Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building, Business School, The University of Auckland, 12 Grafton Road, Auckland

4. Theme Topic: Fly High with Chinese 追梦中文，不负韶华

5. Format: The competition is divided into two categories based on the school year level.

I. Secondary Junior Category: Year 9-10

- 1) **Speech in Chinese:** This component is compulsory and should last 2-3 minutes. The judging criteria will emphasise content, fluency, grammar, pronunciation, and presentation.
- 2) **Chinese Talent Show:** This component is compulsory and should not exceed 3 minutes. Participants may showcase their Chinese talent in any form of their choice.

II. Secondary Senior Category: Year 11-13

- 1) **Speech in Chinese:** This component is compulsory and should last 2-3 minutes. The judging criteria will emphasise content, fluency, grammar, pronunciation, and presentation.
- 2) **Question & Answer:** Participants will answer one question related to their knowledge of the Chinese language and their understanding of China.
- 3) **Chinese Talent Show:** This component is compulsory and an integral part of the participant's overall performance. It should not exceed 3 minutes. Participants may showcase their Chinese talent in any form of their choice.

6. Eligibility:

- 1) New Zealand citizen (12-18 years old).
- 2) Born and raised in countries or regions outside of China.
- 3) First language is NOT Chinese. Neither parent should be native speakers of Chinese.
- 4) A full-time secondary school student enrolled in the wider Auckland region, from Northland to Waikato.
- 5) 2025 global finalists are generally not eligible to compete in two consecutive competitions in the same category, based on the CLEC policy.

Participants must meet all five eligibility criteria listed above.

7. Dress Code: Participants are encouraged to wear traditional Chinese clothing. Alternatively, school uniforms or personal attire are also acceptable.

8. Registration:

The regional competition is open to all secondary school students in the wider Auckland region, including Waikato and Northland. Each school may **register up to 5 students per category**. Schools are encouraged to organise their own preliminary rounds. Individual students should register through their Chinese teacher, who will complete and submit the school's group registration using the **attached Registration Template**. The completed registration must be submitted to the Confucius Institute in Auckland at info@ci.ac.nz by **Friday 8th May 2026**.

For further inquiries, please email to Confucius Institute in Auckland at info@ci.ac.nz. More information about the "Chinese Bridge" Competition is available at <http://bridge.chinese.cn>.
