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The 20th New Zealand Chinese Essay Competition 2026

第 20 届新西兰中文写作大赛 (2026)

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Objectives

- To promote and encourage the use of Chinese language among the learners of Chinese in New Zealand;
- To promote the knowledge of Chinese language and culture as an important resource in an increasingly multicultural and global environment;
- To provide an opportunity for students of Chinese language to showcase their acquired knowledge;
- To further motivate students to learn Chinese language by sharing their writings with fellow students and wider communities.

Requirements

- **Style of writing:** Any format of ORIGINAL work written in Chinese language
- **Topic:** Chinese Connects You and Me - 中文, 连接你和我

Groups and Categories

The competition is divided into **two groups: Non-Chinese Heritage and Chinese Heritage.**

Non-Chinese Heritage Group is divided into three categories:

- Category I - Secondary School Junior (Year 7-10): minimum of 200 characters
- Category II - Secondary School Senior (Year 11-13): minimum of 300 characters
- Category III - Tertiary Category: minimum of 500 characters

Chinese Heritage Group is open to full-time registered students born in New Zealand, with the same category divisions as the Non-Chinese Heritage Group.

Eligibility

Non-Chinese Heritage Group:

- New Zealand citizens or New Zealand permanent residents, and full-time registered students.
- Mandarin or any Chinese dialect is not the home language spoken by either parent.

Chinese Heritage Group:

- Full-time registered students born in New Zealand.

Judging Criteria

- Content (idea, originality, and creativity)
- Language (vocabulary and grammar)
- Structure (organization and style)
- *Machine or AI-assisted/generated content/translation is not acceptable; the decision of the judging committee is final.*

Registration

- School Group Registration through your Chinese teacher;
- Individual Registrations acceptable;
- Registrations and essay submissions online: <https://ci.ac.nz/>

Timetable

- All registration and essay submitted by **31 August 2026**;
- Results and awards will be announced by **the end of September 2026**

Contact

- For further inquiries, please email info@ci.ac.nz