

2026 Chinese Short Video Competition

Modern China Through My Eyes

We are delighted to invite students across Auckland to take part in the **2026 Chinese Short Video Competition**. Both non-native Chinese speakers and Chinese heritage speakers who are currently learning Chinese are warmly welcome to participate.

This year's theme is “**Modern China Through My Eyes.**” We encourage teachers to support students in using their creativity and Chinese language skills to share what interests, surprises, or inspires them about China today.

Videos could explore contemporary Chinese language and culture, daily life, education, technology, innovation, the environment, the arts, food, communities, or any other aspect of modern China.

Students may also explore the connections, similarities, and differences between China and their own country, language, or culture. They could reflect on how learning Chinese has helped them better understand China and Chinese culture, while also seeing their own language and culture from a new perspective.

We welcome videos that are original, engaging, culturally meaningful, and closely connected to the theme. Creative storytelling, thoughtful cultural comparisons, humour, and ideas that help others learn more about Chinese language and culture are all encouraged.

Please find attached the competition information for students and the registration form.

Competition Requirements

1. Videos must be presented in Chinese.
2. Videos must be no longer than five minutes.
3. Each school may submit up to five entries. Each video may feature an individual student or a small group of students.
4. Entries must include live-action content. AI-generated or animated videos will not be accepted.
5. Videos must be filmed in landscape orientation and submitted in MP4 format. No other formats will be accepted.
6. Entries will be grouped by education level:
 - **Primary School:** Years 1–8
 - **Secondary School:** Years 9–13
 - **Tertiary Institutions**

Within each education level, entries will also be identified in one of the following learner categories:

Non-native Chinese Speaker: students who do not have Chinese as a home or heritage language

Chinese Heritage Speaker: students who have a family or community connection to Chinese and some prior exposure to the language

Students in both learner categories are equally welcome. Judges will consider students' age, learning experience, and language background when assessing Chinese language use.

7. Entries will be judged primarily on:

- how well the video connects to the theme “**Modern China Through My Eyes**”
- creativity, originality, and audience appeal
- storytelling, performance, and overall presentation
- cultural content and understanding
- meaningful exploration of cultural connections and differences, where relevant
- appropriate and effective use of Chinese

8. Awards will be presented for:

- **Best Video**
- **Best Language**
- **Best Performance**
- **Best Teacher Mentor**
- **Best Organising School**

9. Teachers are asked to submit the completed registration form on the following page, together with a link to the video, to the email address nzshortvideocompetition@gmail.com by **5.00 pm on Wednesday, 16 September 2026**.

10. The teacher submitting the entry must ensure that the school has obtained written consent for the use of the image, voice, and video footage of every identifiable person appearing in the video. For participants under the age of 18, consent must be obtained from a parent or legal guardian. By entering the competition, schools and participants grant the organisers permission to use, reproduce, display, publish, and share the submitted video, including any images, footage, voices, names, and likenesses appearing in it, for educational, research, promotional, and other non-commercial purposes.

We would be grateful for your support in sharing this opportunity with your students and encouraging them to take part. We look forward to seeing the creative ways in which they bring modern China to life through their own ideas, voices, and perspectives.

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New Zealand Chinese Language Teachers Association

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School Name	Video Title	Video Download Link	Students' Full Name	Year Level	Teacher's Full Name	Teacher's Email Address	Learner Category (Non-native / Heritage)	Image and Video Consent Obtained by School (Yes/No)