

# Japanese Studies Aotearoa-New Zealand (JSANZ) Newsletter Vol 1, January 2014

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## Introduction

遅ればせながら明けましておめでとうございます。今年もよろしくお願ひします。

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year of the Horse! We hope you have had a relaxing, healthful and pleasant summer break and that your batteries are fully recharged, as the year is galloping on and promises to be quite eventful.

Behind the scenes much has been happening for JSANZ in terms of setting up infrastructure, launching new projects, applying for funding and generally establishing ourselves as an entity. This newsletter endeavours to update you with these activities.

For those unclear about whether JSANZ is launched yet or not, the answer is, no, we are not yet officially launched (more details below) but our organisation came into existence at our meeting June 28, 2013 at the University of Auckland. In other words, our 'birth' has definitely taken place, but our 'birth notice' is not yet in the newspaper. We hope this metaphor works.



June 28, 2012 meeting: Back row: Reiko Kondo (Auckland), Naomi Collins (Sasakawa), Atsuko Tsukamoto (Massey), Hye-Young Lim (Epsom Girls); Tomoko Semba (National Adviser, ILEP); Harumi Minagawa (Auckland); Yoshi Holmes (CPIT); JR Hayashishita (Otago); Adele Scott (Massey) Front row: Dallas Nesbitt (JSANZ Co-chair/ AUT); Jo Barber (NZAJLT); Penny Shino (JSANZ Co-chair/ Massey) *Absent: Tomoko Kado-Dallow (UniTec); Wayne Lawrence & Michiyo Mori (University of Auckland); Masa Ogino (Canterbury)*

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## Infrastructure

We exist as a loose organisation of all those with an interest in promoting and advocating for Japanese studies in New Zealand, especially in academia and at tertiary level. The organisation is headed by an executive committee comprised of representatives of all programmes teaching Japanese language and/or Japanese studies in New Zealand tertiary institutions, in addition to members representing key external stakeholders or with specific roles. Since August 2013 Adele Scott has been formally contracted to assist with JSANZ administration (using the December 2012 symposium surplus). Adele is also working on two special projects (thanks also to the symposium surplus and a subsidy from the Sasakawa Fellowship Fund for Japanese Language Education).

There is no need to apply for membership, but please forward the newsletter to anyone who may be interested and let us know of anyone who wishes to be added to our email list.

### Executive Committee

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## Funding

Some funds remain in our account after the symposium in December 2012, but apart from that our activities are reliant upon grants from external organisations and support from our various institutions. We are very grateful to Sasakawa for significantly helping to support the collaborative tertiary graduate profiles project and the tertiary Japanese programmes survey project. Dallas Nesbitt successfully applied for funding for the JSANZ website from NZJEP; Penny Shino has applied for Sakura Network funding from the Japan Foundation to hold a weekend workshop this September; and Masa Ogino has applied to Sasakawa for funding the new tertiary Japanese Speech Contest. Our only ongoing expenditure at present is the administrative support role, which the funds remaining from the symposium are covering. If you have ideas of other sources for funding please let us know. The challenge is to cover regular and ongoing expenses (which may also include maintenance of the website) as outside funding is generally restricted to specific projects.

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## Website

Co-ordinator: Dallas Nesbitt      [dallas.nesbitt@aut.ac.nz](mailto:dallas.nesbitt@aut.ac.nz)

We have been awarded NZJEP funding for development of the JSANZ website which will be a valuable communication and collaboration platform for the tertiary sector and our stakeholders in New Zealand and Australia. The funding approval took much longer than anticipated, hence the delay in the website – but everything is moving fast now. The *Little Giant Website Development and Design* company have begun work on the design brief. Dallas Nesbitt will be responsible for updating content on the site and we are looking for someone from our membership base who is familiar with the Silverstripe platform and can do ongoing back-end security and software updates. ***If you know of anyone suitable please let Dallas know.***

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## Logo

Co-ordinator: Penny Shino      [p.a.shino@massey.ac.nz](mailto:p.a.shino@massey.ac.nz)

We are working with Open Lab, College of Creative Arts, Massey University to design a logo with some urgency which we can use on our website, in advertising about the Speech Contest, and on our newsletters! It should be ready in a couple of weeks.

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## Launch

Co-ordinator: Dallas Nesbitt      [dallas.nesbitt@aut.ac.nz](mailto:dallas.nesbitt@aut.ac.nz)

We plan to hold the launch of JSANZ in the week beginning 17 March this year at AUT. Unfortunately our application to NZJEP for funding to cover the costs of the launch was unsuccessful therefore we have needed to be quite creative about how we pay for it. We are grateful to NZJEP, however, for funding our website development.

The launch will be a full day for Executive Committee members who will be attending meetings during the day followed by an open public event in the evening. It is hoped all Executive members will be able to attend for the full day.

We feel if we can minimise the costs of flights and accommodation for Executive committee members, we will be better able to handle the other costs involved and are hoping your school or faculty will be able to cover the cost of your flights to Auckland and accommodation if you plan to attend. We will keep you all updated about the planning. *If you have not done so already, please could Executive members indicate to Dallas whether or not your school or faculty can subsidise your attendance.*

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## JSANZ Tertiary Japanese Language Speech Contest 2014

Co-ordinator: Masa Ogino      [masayoshi.ogino@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:masayoshi.ogino@canterbury.ac.nz)

### Timeline

Applications open:                      1st of May  
Applications close:                      1st of July (5:00 p.m)  
Judges' report to the committee:      31st of July  
Notification of winners:                Middle of August  
Inform the Japan Foundation of the details of the NZ representative: September  
Japanese Language Speech Contest Final in Australia (Japan Foundation): October

The guidelines have now been prepared, and will be circulated to you shortly so that you may consider incorporating a 'speech' component in the assessment elements of your 2014 courses. As only two students will qualify for the final from each institution, it will be necessary for a preliminary selection process at each institution to take place. The speeches going forward to the NZ final will need to be digitally recorded (audio and video).

Sincere thanks to Masa and his team of Toshi Yamauchi and Naomi Collins for the hard work this initiative has entailed.

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## **ICJLE Sydney: Panel – call for presenters (July 10-12, 2014)**

Co-ordinator: Harumi Minagawa

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Message from Harumi:

'Ogino sensei and myself have been discussing a possibility of our participation at the forthcoming ICJLE in Sydney (<https://icjle2014.arts.unsw.edu.au/en/>). Recently I have been personally invited to give a lecture on Japanese grammar at the conference by the organizing committee, so I am definitely going there myself. (I am exempt from paying the registration fee and the conference dinner.)

We need to make a decision on the formation of our panel in a timely manner for the deadline of a **proposal submission of 15 February**. We could propose a panel theme on something like 'Challenges in Japanese language education in New Zealand' and invite panelists from members of JSANZ. We need three presenters.'

***Please contact Harumi urgently if you would like to contribute.***

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## **Weekend workshop: September 2014**

Co-ordinator: Penny Shino

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A workshop on the theme 'Tertiary Japanese Language Education in New Zealand – Are We Giving Generation Z What They Want?' is scheduled for the weekend of September 13-14, 2014, at Palmerston North. Three interlinked issues in particular will be addressed: the need for benchmarking between the various programmes in the tertiary sector, declining numbers of advanced and postgraduate enrolments, and the need to provide clear, viable study and vocational pathways for students (especially those whose Japanese programme does not possess a graduate school). Two international speakers (probably from Australia) will be invited to conduct the workshops.

The workshop is subject to receipt of funding from the Japan Foundation (outcome due to be notified to us in April), so please don't book your travel yet! However, all going well, funding is also likely to be available for travel and accommodation.

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## **Tertiary Japanese Graduate Profiles project**

Co-ordinator: Adele Scott

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The purpose of this project is to collect stories from graduates of NZ tertiary institutions who have included Japanese in their programmes of study in order to

demonstrate how Japanese has helped in securing their employment. The material will be used in promotional/advocacy material. The project is being conducted jointly with Sasakawa and we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the funding provided. Seventeen detailed responses to the survey have been received to date - mostly teachers - either in Japan or New Zealand, but also a sales executive and a central government employee.

***Please continue to promote the survey via your email signature and/or website using a message such as the following:***

*If you have graduated from a New Zealand tertiary institution including Japanese studies of any kind, please complete this survey:*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JSANZprofiles>

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### **Japanese programmes survey**

Co-ordinator: Adele Scott

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The purpose of the project is to capture and share information about Japanese courses at NZ tertiary institutions that can be used for promotional/advocacy material. As with the above project, this project is being conducted collaboratively with Sasakawa, to whom we again express our sincere gratitude for their funding support. To date, responses received regarding 77 courses have been downloaded and are being collated.

***If you still have courses to add please do so via this link no later than 31 January 2014.*** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CTJSP\\_JSANZ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CTJSP_JSANZ)

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Wishing you all the very best for the forthcoming academic year, and looking forward to seeing many of you at our launch.

Warm regards from

Handwritten signatures of Dallas Nesbitt and Penny Shino, separated by an ampersand.

Dallas Nesbitt and Penny Shino (JSANZ co-chairs)