



As members of the APCC, we will become global citizens with an "OMOIYARI" spirit, creating a more peaceful world where the smiles of children abound.

The Australia-Japan Society of Victoria has been invited to select four children (2 boys and 2 girls) to attend the BRIDGE (Virtual Summer Camp) (Let's make friends around the world) which will be held over five sessions with 3 being shared online with children from all over the world.

The virtual program will involve over 200 children (and accompanying chaperones) in two groups with the following aims:

- (1) Interact and exchange with children with Multi-Cultural backgrounds.
 - To experience many cultures around the world.
- (2) Communicate with foreign JAs through the Internet
 - To get to know many cultures around the world.
 - To experience many ways of online communication.
 - (1 to 1, 1 to many, many to many communication, etc.)
- (3) Foster friendship with children from many countries/regions
 - To have a fun time together and share wonderful memories.
 - To keep in touch after the program.

To participate in the program, selected children must be

- born between born between August 1st, 2010 and July 31st 2011;
- have an inquisitive nature and positive attitude;
- be personally willing to participate in BRIDGE Virtual Summer Camp and have a sincere interest in international exchange;
- be positive about participating in online meetings and actively communicate with other participants through the Internet.
- Able to express themselves clearly and confidently in a virtual setting.

To enable as many children as possible to participate (due to different time zones and weekend schedules), APCC have decided to divide the participating delegations into two groups (with all Australian participants being assigned to the same group). In Australian times, the sessions are Sunday from approx. 10am to 1pm. I know this may clash with other activities, but I hope that you may be able to participate in the once in a lifetime experience. It is essential that participants are available for all sessions so please do not apply if you cannot attend all the sessions.

This opportunity is open to students learning Japanese at school, members of the Australia Japan Society of Victoria/corporate member's children, then other interested children. Each school may have their own selection process to nominate one student from their school so discuss this with your Japanese teacher. If you fall into the other categories, please send applications direct to the email address listed by the required date.

The ASJV selection process to choose the four children who will participate in the BRIDGE (Virtual) Summer Camp will consist of two stages:

1. The Society will consider all applications received by **Friday April 29th** and a short list will be created.

2. Short-listed children will then be invited to attend a Zoom **on either Monday 2nd May, Tuesday 3rd May or Wednesday 4th May. Please note: a parent should also be available for 5 minutes at the beginning of the interview.**

Please ensure that you are available on at least one of the dates mentioned above as no alternative dates are available. For selected children, forms will be provided over the following weekend, to be returned to APCC Australia by Monday 9th May.

An orientation meeting will be held prior to the first online session – this will be via Zoom on **Sunday June 19th**

The three Summer Camp sessions will be held on:

Sunday July 24th (2-3hrs)

Sunday August 7th (2-3hrs)

Sunday August 21st (2-3hrs)

A final session/celebration will be held on a date to be confirmed – likely to be **Sunday September 11th**.

For parents, there are a few requirements:

- Must be fully aware of the APCC vision.
- Must understand the aims of the program.
- Must be willing to support APCC requests, such as submitting requested documents, and should always be ready to cooperate with APCC.
- Must support their child (JA) 's computer skills and IT literacy.

A participation fee of \$25 per selected child will be payable via direct deposit. This will be forwarded to APCC's SMILE project that offsets the cost/s of the program and organization.

For **individual applications** (ie from corporate members/other students), **the following documents must be forwarded by the required date (Friday April 29th) to apcc.australia@gmail.com**

- **Junior Ambassador Application form**
- **Teacher's Insight (confidential so please provide it to the teacher and ask them to complete and email it direct – should not give it to the student)**
- **Handwritten responses to the questions on the back of the application form**

Information for schools conducting selection:

Each school is permitted to nominate one child to participate in the program as we only have four spaces available. We encourage you to offer the opportunity to participate as widely as possible to children who meet the criteria. You should then undertake your own selection process to select one candidate and only their applications should be forwarded to the Australia Japan Society of Victoria.

Please follow the above for submitting your school nomination.