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PANDA COMPETITION 2024

The Panda Competition is conducted every year by the ACT Branch of the Australia China Friendship Society Inc. and is open to students from Pre-schools, Primary schools, and High schools in the ACT and surrounding region, as well as the local community.

The topic for this year's competition is:

The Chinese and the Australian Gold-rushes



About the year 1854 it became known in China that only a few weeks' sailing away existed a continent as large as China, fertile and rich in gold and other metals. Many Chinese decided to try their luck in Australia.

By the late 1850s there were 25 000 Chinese in Victoria and 13 000 in New South Wales. These Chinese immigrants had come to participate in the Australian gold-rushes. Quite a few Chinese, unsuccessful at mining, turned to market gardening, cabinet making and other trades.

Students are asked to creatively focus on an aspect of this topic. This can be through a drawing, painting, creative works such as collage, 3-dimensional construction, essay, poetry, or other creative individual effort, appropriate to the student's age and school grade.

The entry should be the work of a single student. If a joint entry for more than 1 student is submitted only a single prize will be given.

Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students can enter a colouring-in piece.

Promoting friendship and understanding between the Australian and Chinese people

If the entry is in Mandarin an English translation must be provided.

Conditions of entry are:

- All entries must be presented for judging and be available for the presentation ceremony.
- Only original entries will be accepted: photocopies, scanned copies or USBs will not be considered.
- Drawings and combination drawing/words should be no larger than an A3 sheet.
- Sculptures or collages must have a footprint no larger than an A3 sheet
- Essays are to be no more than one A4 page.
- One entry per student. (Entry must preferably be the work of only that student.)

All entries must have the following information provided on a label, that is easily read and <u>securely attached to the entry</u>, or they will be ineligible.

If the entry has multiple pieces, a label must be attached to each piece.

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School name:	
Teacher's name	
Student Name (First name plus Surname)	
Gender	
Age of student	
School Year	

Entries must be received by 5pm Sunday 29 September 2024

Judging of the entries will take place early in Term 3 school holidays and the presentation of prizes will be on a date to be advised in Term 4.

Entries should be sent to: The Secretary (Panda Competition)

Australia China Friendship Society, ACT Branch

PO Box 296, Belconnen, ACT 2606

When sending in an entry, **please include a phone number and email contact address**, so that we can contact you with the names of the winners and details of the presentation ceremony. If you are posting your entry/entries please email acfsact@gmail.com, so that we can ensure it has arrived. If you would like to deliver your entry, please email acfsact@gmail.com

For further information about the competition please contact Amanda on 0452 323 520.