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Student excellence in Asian studies celebrated

Students pursuing excellence in Asian languages and cultural pursuits will be celebrated when winners of the Asia Institute Tasmania (AIT) Student Award are announced today (Monday, 30 November).

Primary, high school and college students from across Tasmania were invited to participate in the awards, designed to encourage and support language, cultural, economic and political understanding of Asia in Tasmanian schools.

“These awards celebrate students who are actively promoting or excelling in Asian languages or cultural pursuits,” AIT Director Professor James Chin said.

“The students are undertaking a variety of pursuits including excellence in an Asian language, forging greater connections to Asia, competing in language competitions and identifying future career pathways.

“Our relationship with Asia is vital to our future growth and prosperity and these awards highlight and celebrate the amazing work students in Tasmania are doing to further support this relationship.”

As part of the awards, students are presented with a certificate and a gift voucher.

The AIT will also be hosting the *My Dream of Tasmania and China* photo exhibition tonight from 5pm.

More than 50 photographs exploring the relationship between China and Tasmania have been submitted for the competition, held to commemorate the first anniversary of President Xi’s visit to Tasmania.

“There have been numerous events held to commemorate President Xi’s visit, however the photo competition allows people to creatively express their views and thoughts on Tasmanian’s relationship with China,” Professor Chin said.

The exhibition is being organised by the Chinese Professional Association of Tasmania, Tasmania Chinese Phd Students Association and Chinese Students Scholars Association. It is supported by The Asia Institute Tasmania (AIT).

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