
FOREWORD

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Welcome to the volume of proceedings from the National Symposium on Japanese Language Education (NSJLE) 2014.

NSJLE2014 was held 10-11 July at the University of Technology Sydney in conjunction with the International Conference on Japanese Language Education (ICJLE). It was the second biennial National Symposium on Japanese Language Education, building on the success of the inaugural symposium in 2012.

This collection of papers and abstracts presented on the day stands not only as a record of the symposium but also as testament to the innovation and dedication shown by Japanese language educators in Australia and to how they are leading the way in making connections locally while keeping the big picture firmly in view. The diversity of perspectives provided by those educators gives us all the opportunity to learn more in our quest to improve and strengthen Japanese language education in Australia.

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To both participants in the symposium and other colleagues with an interest in their work, I hope that the papers and collection of abstracts presented in this volume spark ideas and discussions in your communities.

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