

## **Foreword**

Welcome to this volume offering selected highlights from the National Symposium on Japanese Language Education (NSJLE) 2016.

NSJLE 2016 was held on 4-5 November in Melbourne, and was convened by Anne de Kretser and the Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education, Monash University. The symposium is a co-project of the MCJLE and The Japan Foundation, Sydney. NSJLE 2016 was the third biennial symposium since its beginnings in 2012.

The collection of papers and abstracts presented in this publication stands as testament to the innovation and dedication shown by Japanese language educators in Australia and to how they are leading the way in making Japanese language study visible and valuable.

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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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