
FOREWORD

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

After a two-year postponement due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the fifth symposium, hosted by the Monash Japanese Language Education Centre, was held on November 4-5, 2022 at State Library Victoria. From its inception in 2012, the biennial NSJLE has consistently provided a platform for Japanese language educators to gather and exchange innovative teaching methods and insights and addressing evolving challenges in the field.

Under the theme '**Be Inspired, Be Inspiring**', this volume of proceedings encapsulates the community's ongoing commitment to fostering Japanese language learning. I'd like to thank each author for their time and expertise in contributing to this volume. I would also like to give thanks to Dr. Rowena Ward, the chief editor; peer reviewers (in alphabetical order) Dr. William Armour, Dr. Karen Daly, Anne de Kretser, Dr. Barbara Hartley, Dr. Kayoko Hashimoto, Emeritus Prof. Vera Mackie; text editors Paul Allatson, Satomi Kawaguchi, and to Yukiko Menda and Ben Trumbull for their invaluable effort and support in bringing this volume to fruition.

I trust that you will enjoy and find inspiration from these papers.

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