



2009 Results Pack



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Dear ALT,

The following pack contains the results for the 2009 Hokkaido English Challenge. Please take the time to read carefully over the information and results, making sure you understand the information relevant to your student(s). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at thinkhec@gmail.com.

I commend every student who participated this year on their outstanding effort and determination. As you deliver the results to your student(s), please remember to remain supportive and encouraging regardless of how they may have placed. Do not forget to congratulate them on their effort, and thank them for participating this year.

The Hokkaido English Challenge is something unique to our prefecture, and is something that has continuously held us above other JET communities in terms of projects. After participating, I hope that you can see why so many ALTs have hailed this experience as one of the most rewarding ones that they have had during their time here.

As this year's competition is coming to a close, my thanks goes out to all of you for all of the hard work you have put into this competition.

To the ALTs who entered students, thank you for giving your time to train your students, and allowing them to opportunity to participate in this year's competition. Because of all of you, HEC was able to increase the number of entrants by almost fifty percent. ALTs such as yourselves are what the JET program is all about and are the reason that HEC is able to exist in the first place. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing us to give Hokkaido students this chance.

To the test writers and judges, all of you are amazing for volunteering your time to make this competition a success. Without these dedicated individuals, we wouldn't have been able to administer this competition. I cannot thank all of you enough for all your effort.

And finally, a great big thank you to HAJET and the ALT community in Hokkaido, without whose support we wouldn't be able to exist.

Congratulations to all participants and a great big "otsukare-sama" to everyone!

Sincerely,



Moraya Cortez
HEC Coordinator 2009

Rank	Name	School	ALT	Camp Status	Additional Comments
1	Sumiyoshi, Kyousuke	Mori JHS	Bryony Dunlop	invited	1 st place JHS, home-stay default
2	Maeda, Masafumi	Eniwa JHS	Chris Watts	invited	2 nd place JHS, 2 nd home-stay default
Top Tier Students Ranked					
3	Yamaguchi, Takahiko	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	invited	
4	Uemura, Natsumi	Mitsuishi JHS	Carolyn Costello	invited	
5	Tachibana, Akari	Engaru JHS	Susannah Howard	invited	
6	Ono, Ryutaro	Uryu JHS	Arijan Clark	invited	
7	Wanaka, Yokou	Kutchan JHS	Alison Chiang	invited	
8	Takahashi, Yukiko	Kitami North JHS	Edward Ramos	invited	
9	Kwasaki, Yukiko	Kitami North JHS	Edward Ramos	invited	
10	Kon, Yuma	Kitami North JHS	Edward Ramos	invited	
11	Fujitani, Shuko	Uryu JHS	Arijan Clark	invited	
12	Imaura, Hiroe	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	invited	
13	Sakamoto, Takuto	Mitsuishi JHS	Carolyn Costello	invited	
14	Sakuraba, Kimihito	Mori JHS	Bryony Dunlop	invited	tied in rank
14	Koyama, Miku	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	invited	tied in rank
16	Higashi, Moemi	Uryu JHS	Arijan Clark	invited	
17	Miura, Nana	Eniwa JHS	Chris Watts	invited	
18	Senoo, Hazuki	Yoichi JHS	Kevin Donnelly	invited	tied in rank
18	Michibayashi, Shiroi	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	invited	tied in rank
20	Haga, Chihiro	Mitsuishi JHS	Carolyn Costello	invited	
21	Ishiguro, Kaori	Obira JHS	Brandon Newberg	invited	
22	Okyama, Takuya	Obira JHS	Brandon Newberg	invited	
23	Kumagai, Issei	Samana JHS	Zachary Kern	invited	

24	Yonetsu, Nami	Wakkanai South JHS	Moraya Cortez	invited	
25	Sawada, Yamato	Fukushima JHS	Leke Osumu	invited	
26	Satou, Kei	Engaru JHS	Susannah Howard	invited	
27	Endo, Narumi	Engaru JHS	Susannah Howard	invited	
28	Yamamoto, Akari	Yoichi JHS	Kevin Donnelly	invited	
29	Kikuchi, Nene	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	invited	
30	Kuribayashi, Moemi	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	5 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
Lower Tier Students Ranked and in Order of Camp Default					
31	Chiba, Kotoe	Kitami North JHS	Edward Ramos	invited	
32	Kikuchi, Ayaka	Engaru JHS	Susannah Howard	wait listed	
33	Miura, Mutsumi	Mitsuishi JHS	Carolyn Costello	wait listed	
34	Osaki, Ami	Kitami North JHS	Edward Ramos	wait listed	
35	Nakajima, Fumino	Hamawake JHS	Rachelle Ramer	wait listed	
36	Higuchi, Aoi	Samani JHS	Zachary Kern	wait listed	
37	Sasaki, Miho	Hamawake JHS	Rachelle Ramer	wait listed	
38	Nakatsuka, Tomoro	Fukushima JHS	Leke Osumu	wait listed	
39	Nishikawa, Mao	Obira JHS	Brandon Newberg	wait listed	
40	Minami, Hikaru	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	5 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
41	Yamamoto, Ai	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	5 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
42	Nakahata, Yui	Wakkanai South JHS	Moraya Cortez	wait listed	
43	Komai, Shiori	Noboribetsu JHS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	5 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
44	Katsurai, Natsumi	Toyokoro JHS	Josh Ullery	wait listed	

45	Shiozaki, Eru	Wakkanai South JHS	Moraya Cortez	wait listed	
46	Inoue, Hayato	Shinshinotsu JHS	Mathew Parisien	wait listed	
47	Kashiwa, Juki	Engaru JHS	Susannah Howard	wait listed	
48	Sagae, Iori	Mori JHS	Bryony Dunlop	wait listed	
49	Hirake, Haruka	Uryu JHS	Arijan Clark	wait listed	
50	Nakano, Miyu	Hamawake JHS	Rachelle Ramer	wait listed	
51	Ashinazawa, Ami	Mori JHS	Bryony Dunlop	wait listed	
52	Noguchi, Naoyuki	Obira JHS	Brandon Newberg	wait listed	
53	Jinmaru, Kousuke	Kitami North	Edward Ramos	wait listed	
54	Tanikawa, Mieko	Eniwa	Chris Watts	wait listed	
55	Hase, Kumika	Wakkanai JHS	Michael Clay	wait listed	
56	Yoshida, Aoi	Hamawake JHS	Rachelle Ramer	wait listed	
57	Kyouya, Rira	Tokoro JHS	Caroline Lyster	wait listed	
58	Namioka, Tomoaki	Mori JHS	Bryony Dunlop	wait listed	
59	Ebin, Yuki	Hamawake JHS	Rachelle Ramer	wait listed	
60	Kaede, Narita	Hamawake JHS	Rachelle Ramer	wait listed	
61	Itou, Hatsumi	Kitami North JHS	Edward Ramos	wait listed	
62	Aoki, Moeko	Noboribetsu Akebi JHS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	
63	Tsuda, Kazumi	Wakkani JHS	Michael Clay	wait listed	
64	Igarashi, Mai	Wakkanai JHS	Michael Clay	wait listed	
65	Itou, Kyugo	Engaru JHS	Susannah Howard	wait listed	
66	Sakaya, Shoma	Hamawake JHS	Rachelle Ramer	wait listed	
67	Morokawa, Rino	Wakkanai JHS	Michael Clay	wait listed	

Rank	Name	School	ALT	Camp Status	Additional Comments
1	Shimada, Ayaka	Sapp. Int. Tech HS	Crystal Bock	invited	grand prize winner of home-stay
2	Konda, Shogo	Keisei HS	Callie Sorenson	invited	2 nd place, 3 rd home-stay default
Top Tier Students Ranked					
3	Ueda, Takitoshi	Muroran HS	Jameela Huq	invited	
4	Nakamae, Ayana	Sapp. Minami HS	Joseph McQueen	invited	
5	Nishihara, Miku	Hiragashi HS	Ido Gabay	invited	
6	Nakamura, Ai	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock	invited	
7	Tachibana, Rio	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock	invited	
8	Ohtake, Haruna	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock	wait listed	3 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
9	Ono, Hanami	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock	not eligible	student has studied abroad, but was allowed to participate in the exam and receive ranking
10	Kotani, Sayaka	Sapp. Minami HS	Joseph McQueen	invited	
11	Mori, Airi	Sapp. Minami HS	Joseph McQueen	invited	
12	Urushizaki, Fuka	Sapp. Hiragishi	Ido Gabay	invited	
13	Umekawa, Miku	Sapp. Minami HS	Joseph McQueen	wait listed	3 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
14	Takahashi, Tomoko	Sapp. Hiragishi	Ido Gabay	invited	
15	Niki, Sumire	Sapp. Higashi HS	Callie Sorenson	invited	
16	Nakabayshi, Asumi	Sapp. Hiragishi	Ido Gabay	wait listed	3 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
17	Kitabayashi, Hitomi	Asahikawa Com. HS	Ye Miao	invited	
18	Satou, Miho	Sapp. Higashi HS	Callie Sorenson	invited	
19	Kawakami, Akiko	Sapp. Higashi HS	Callie Sorenson	invited	
20	Hikaku, Misa	Sapp. Nanryo HS	Katie Plummer	invited	

Lower Tier Students Ranked and in Order of Camp Default					
21	Watanabe, Tamae	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock	wait listed	3 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
22	Kubo, Mizuki	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock	wait listed	3 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
23	Komatsu, Saya	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock	wait listed	3 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
24	Nishida, Asumi	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock	wait listed	3 students from school already invited to camp; can only attend if classmate declines
25	Fang, Yue	Sapp. Odori	Jessica Stutte	invited	
26	Sugawara, Ayano	Sapp. Odori	Jessica Stutte	invited	
27	Ueda, Naoko	Muroran HS	Jameela Huq	invited	
28	Osawa, Akane	Noboribetsu Akebi HS	Victoria Schirado	invited	
29	Enomoto, Kimiko	Sapp. Odori	Jessica Stutte	wait listed	
30	Ohata, Yuka	Sapp. Odori	Jessica Stutte	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
31	Kamijou, Youko	Oasa	Jesse Juarez	wait listed	
32	Komori, Kurumi	Oasa	Jesse Juarez	wait listed	
33	Goto, Saki	Oasa	Jesse Juarez	wait listed	
34	Fushimi, Haruna	Sapp. Higashi HS	Callie Sorenson	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
35	Inoue, Kouki	Noboribetsu	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	
36	Hoshi, Satomi	Sapp. Seiryō HS	Katie Plummer	wait listed	
37	Chinatsu, Dohi	Oasa	Jesse Juarez	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
38	Funada, Hikari	Noboribetsu Akebi HS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	
39	Yagihashi, Yusuke	Muroran HS	Jameela Huq	wait listed	
40	Ban, Shin	Sapp. Hiragishi HS	Ido Gabay	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
41	Motokonya, Tarou	Oasa	Jesse Juarez	wait listed	

42	Tawaraya, Mitsuki	Sapp. Hiragishi HS	Jesse Jaurez	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
43	Oyama, Rui	Noboribetsu Akebi HS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
44	Toda, Chise	Muroran HS	Jameela Huq	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
45	Satou, Shiori	Muroran HS	Jameela Huq	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
46	Tada, Chinatsu	Noboribetsu Akebi HS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
47	Bessho, Yumiko	Sapp. Nanryo HS	Katie Plummer	wait listed	
48	Iwamoto, Yukina	Sapp. Nanryo HS	Katie Plummer	wait listed	
49	Yoshimura, Moe	Sapp. Minami HS	Joseph McQueen	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
50	Kawaguchi, Saki	Noboribetsu Akebi HS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
51	Karasawa, Yurie	Sapp. Seiryō HS	Katie Plummer	wait listed	
52	Niikawa, Hanae	Sapp. Hiragishi HS	Ido Gabay	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
53	Miyamoto, Ikumi	Muroran HS	Jameela Huq	wait listed	
54	Shinohara, Hitomi	Sapp. Nanryo HS	Katie Plummer	wait listed	
55	Matsuura, Marie	Noboribetsu Akebi HS	Victoria Schirado	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
56	Sakai, Misayo	Sapp. Seiryō HS	Katie Plummer	wait listed	
57	Hikoko, Kanae	Sapp. Nanryo HS	Katie Plummer	wait listed	may only attend if classmates decline
58	Miyazaki, Kana	Sapp. Seiryō HS	Katie Plummer	wait listed	
Withdrawn Students					
	Koseki, Arisa	Sapp. Int. Tech. HS	Crystal Bock		
	Abe, Misaki	Sapp. Odori HS	Jessica Stutte		
	Tsushima, Ai	Noboribetsu Akebi HS	Victoria Schirado		
	Yamashita, Kurumi	Sapp. Seiryō HS	Katie Plummer		

Prizes, Certificates and Letters

This section explains what prizes will be distributed and what to do if your student was one of this year's fifty winners.

This year like last year, **thirty** Junior High students and **twenty** Senior High students will come to HEC camp. The number of students attending from each division has been selected to fairly represent the number entrants on either side. Please check the appropriate division ranking to see if your student is one of the top tier winning students. Once you have located their rank, please continue reading the appropriate prize below.

Grand Prize Winner

Ayaka Shimada, Sapporo Int.Tech. HS, Crystal Bock

The grand prize winner was chosen from the the first prize winners of both divisions. As well as their place at camp, the grand prize winner will receive a home-stay for up to two weeks in the English speaking country of their choice. During their home-stay, they will have the chance to make new friends while having new international experiences. Last year's Senior High winner enjoyed a two week home-stay in Hawaii.

As explained previously in the 2009 Essential Guide, HEC will cover the cost of flights and the home-stay. We ask the family or guardian to cover the cost of the language school and travel insurance. Please note that this is a small percentage of the overall price. If the student declines the home-stay, the prize will pass to the next student designated as the home-stay default.

If your student was the lucky winner, you will be contacted by the Coordinator to discuss arrangements. Please also read 'Junior High Top Thirty/Senior High Top Twenty' as this also applies to you.

First Place Junior High School Division

1st JHS – Kyouyuke Sumiyoshi, Mori JHS, Bryony Dunlop

This year's JHS first prize winner will receive a Casio Ex-Word XD-SF4800NB plus case. This dictionary is designed especially for junior high and senior students, and can be used well into adulthood. The dictionary has 100 different contents, including study aids and drills to help pass English level exams (such as the TOEIC), and phrases for travel in 12 different languages!

Second Place

2nd JHS – Masafumi Maeda, Eniwa JHS, Chris Watts

2nd SHS – Shogo Konda, Keisei HS, Callie Sorenson

Students finishing in second place this year will receive ¥20,000 in Kinokuniya Book Store Gift Certificates which can be used nationwide at any of the chain's 56 locations.

Winners will be contacted by the HEC Coordinator with more details.

JUNIOR HIGH TOP THIRTY/ SENIOR HIGH TOP TWENTY

Students who finished within the top tier of their division (top thirty JHS, top twenty SHS) will receive a certificate for their achievement. Most of the top tier students will receive a place at the HEC Camp. As previously mentioned in the 2009 Essential Guide, only three students from each school in the Senior High Division may attend camp, and only five students from each school in the Junior High Division. Please check the ranking list carefully to see where your student stands on the invite list.

If your student has been successful:

- Give them a copy of LETTER TO SUCCESSFUL STUDENT, and make sure that they understand they have won a place to camp.
- Make sure that your school is notified. We suggest handing them the certificate in assembly and getting a photo of the student with the certificate. It is important that the school recognizes what a great achievement this is.
- Check the name and school of your student in the ranking table. These are the names that will be used on the certificates. If there is an error with the spelling or order, please contact the Coordinator as soon as possible.

What if my student didn't win?

Even if your student is not within the top tier, there is still a chance they will be attending camp. Please look over the ranking list carefully and see if your student has been invited or wait listed. Please notice that if your student is just below the cut off line, there may still be a chance they will receive a default placement should anyone decline to attend.

If your student didn't make it, please hand them a copy of LETTER TO UNSUCCESSFUL STUDENTS. Please be supportive and applaud them for their amazing effort in attempting this challenge. For JH participants, there is always another chance in Senior High. **Please note that some students still have a chance of attending camp.** See 'HEC CAMP' section below for more details.

HEC Camp Information

Please read the section below even if your student did not win a place at HEC camp.

As in previous years, camp will be held at Sunagawa's *Kodomo no Kuni* (子どもノ国) campsite between July 25th - 30th. Students are expected to arrive between 12.00-2.30pm on Saturday, July 25th. HEC will cover all costs during camp. HEC, however, **does not cover** travel expenses to and from camp. The camp will be staffed primarily by volunteering ALTs.

How do I find out more about HEC camp?

This year's HEC Camp Coordinators are Zachary Kern and Katie Plummer. They will be providing a comprehensive camp packet to winners, which will include timetables, a list of things to bring, permission slips, and more. Included in the packet is a brief letter from the coordinators. Please take the time to read it. If you have any questions or concerns about camp specifically (and not about who is going to camp, etc), please contact them at heccamp@gmail.com.

What happens if my student is unable to attend camp?

If your student is unable to attend camp, their spot will be offered to a student who has finished outside the top fifty. Your student will still be recognized as a winning participant, and will still receive a certificate. **If you or your student know that they will not be able to attend, please notify the camp coordinators immediately!** The deadline for acceptance will be announced in the 2009 Camp Pack.

What happens if my student wasn't in the top fifty?

Please note that **even if your student did not finish in the top fifty, he or she still has a chance of making it to HEC camp.** Every year there are winning students who are unable to attend. When a student relinquishes their place at camp, their place is offered to an alternative student, chosen from participants finishing outside the top ranking students in their category. ALTs of students who have been moved up to the invite list will be promptly contacted by the Camp Coordinators.

What if my student can't afford travel costs?

Occasionally there are students who live very far from the campsite, for whom travel costs are an issue. If this is the case with any of your students, please contact the Coordinator. While we ask that all students pay their own travel costs, we also try to support any students for whom high costs are a problem.