



## **Press release**

How do Japanese high school students view South Africa? In celebrating this year's National Day, the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa through 'The 20th Anniversary of Freedom School Essay Writing Competition' invited Japanese high school student in the Tokyo and Chiba areas to express their views on topics such as what South Africa's 20 years of freedom means to them or to the world. They were given the opportunity to address areas that the youth in Japan and in South Africa can work together for a better future.

The entries received were stimulating and wide-ranging and showed that the children not only researched their topics, but expressed their views eloquently.

The first, second and third prize winners will be announced at the National Day Reception of the Republic of South Africa, which will be held from 12h00 to 14h00 at the Official Residence of the Ambassador on 27 April 2015.

Each of the prize winners will be given an opportunity to read their essays. The first prize winner will receive round trip tickets for two, donated by Qatar Air, including a week-long holiday package in South Africa, sponsored by the hospitality industry, in conjunction with South African Tourism.

The South African Embassy believes that the initiative has contributed to the strengthening of ties between Japan and South Africa at school level as well as to promoting the use of English amongst Japanese youth.

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