



# Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK) Toronto Centre 2015 TD-Mandarin Panda Talent Competition

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This *Mandarin Panda Youth Talent Competition* aims not only to arouse the enthusiasm of the GTA youth students in learning Chinese, but also to strengthen the local communities’ understanding of Chinese language and culture. The Competition is a great opportunity for the youth to show their Chinese language proficiency and art talents.

According to HSK Toronto Centre, since the registration process started in December 2014, this event has been overwhelmed with the support and attention from both Canadian and Chinese governments, institutes of Chinese teaching and studying, business corporations, Chinese language schools and multicultural communities. It has been appeared on many communication vehicles and the sponsors of course have received great public exposure.

Lu Wu, the Representative of Judges and a Senior Chinese teacher from Toronto District School Board, mentioned that the success of this event came from all the support and hard work of every single participate, including the support from the governments, the enthusiasm from candidates, the sponsorship from business corporations, as well as the services from volunteers. The amazing turnout of this first time gave the committee confidence that Mandarin Panda Youth Talent Competition will become a great platform for all the youth talents in the GTA.

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2015 TD-Mandarin Panda Youth Talent Competition Press Conference on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014



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Hundreds of Chinese teachers, famous language professionals, secondary and postsecondary students volunteered to provide their service as judges, academic consultants, volunteers during this event.



The Winners received awards from the Representatives from Exclusive Title Sponsor TD Bank Group (back, middle and 2nd from left), Academic Guidance of Speaking (back, 1st from left), Singing (back, 2nd from right) and Writing (back, 6th from right), Judge Representative (back, 3rd from right).



2015 TD-Mandarin Panda Youth Talent Competition received great support from TD Bank Group, Chinese Book City, Howard Johnson Toronto East, Kootoo.ca, Bond Education Group, and Chinese talent groups from communities.