

2011

Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network

4th Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers —Application Guide—

The Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network aims to deepen Japanese and overseas children's interest in and understanding of Japanese and each other's cultures through intercultural interactions in the Japanese language. The Scheme is comprised of three programs and the HGN website.

We are now accepting applications for the Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers, the first of the Scheme's three cyclical programs.

Being undertaken for the fourth time, the Program this time will feature an even fuller training schedule. As it leads on to a program offering overseas students the opportunity to experience Japan, we hope to receive many applications from interested teachers.

April 25, 2011

Nurturing children for a brighter future



1. Program overview

(1) Objectives

(a) Enhancement of teaching effectiveness

- Discovery of problems with participants' own teaching and acquisition of methods to improve and/or solve them
- Enhancement of Japanese proficiency to enable participants to teach with confidence
- Increasing of knowledge of Japanese traditions and culture through experiences in Japan

(b) Building of a communication network between Program participants around the world

Creation of a communication network for the exchange of opinions and information between Program participants.

(2) Training content

To achieve the objectives above, the following will be offered.

(a) Training in Japanese teaching methods

Sessions on ways of thinking and points to be aware of when planning and executing effective and efficient lessons.

(b) Opportunities to experience Japanese culture and society

Experiences designed to deepen participants' awareness and knowledge of Japan.

- Experience of Japan's traditional culture and visits to historical cultural places of interest
- Visits to facilities and towns to get to know Japan as it is today

(c) Visits to Japanese junior high schools

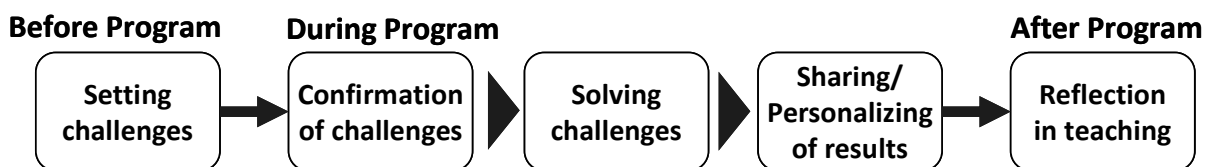
Interaction with Japanese middle school teachers and students to learn how Japanese middle schools look and feel and what students' daily lives are like, as well as to gain insights that may help improve instruction methods and classroom environments, and information of interest to participants' own students.

(d) Outcome sharing sessions

Participants will share the fruits of their participation in the training above with each other, and work to personalize them for use in their own classrooms.

(e) Advance setting of challenges and post-training follow-up

Program organizers and Program participants will be in contact with each before, during and after the Program to set challenges in advance of the Program, and to conduct counseling to raise the effectiveness of the training and follow-up after the Program.



(3) Program period

Thursday, October 27–Wednesday, November 9, 2011 (tentative)

Note 1: In order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of training, the Program Secretariat will give participants direction in the lead up to their departure for Japan on the challenges set in advance and pre-Program preparations

Note 2: The Program period may be shortened or lengthened by a few days in the course of finalizing the Program content

(4) Training venues and accommodation

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (Saitama, Saitama Prefecture) and other locations

(5) Other

(a) The Program is planned and conducted with the cooperation of the Japan Foundation and other specialist organizations.

(b) Hakuho Foundation will cover Program participants' airfares to and from Japan, as well as accommodation, meals and activities while they are in Japan.

Note: Religious and health-related dietary restrictions and practices will be accommodated as far as practicable.

2. Application guidelines

(1) Eligibility

- (a) Engaged in instructing students aged 12–15 (age of junior high school students in Japan) in formal Japanese classes in a school setting. (However, in consideration of differences in school systems from country to country, instructors of slightly older and younger students will also be considered.)
- (b) Able to demonstrate possession of a middle school teaching license or equivalent qualification.
- (c) Have passed Japanese Language Proficiency Test at Level 3 or above, or have an equivalent level of Japanese language proficiency.
- (d) Non-Japanese nationality.

(2) Application conditions

The following must be met for participation in this Program.

- (a) Permission to participate in the Program from the head (Principal) of your school, and any other government and/or governmental agency permissions that may be necessary.
- (b) The organization you belong to must be recognized by your government as a formal educational institution (school).
- (c) Your school must be willing to undertake the following with regard to the two student interaction programs that follow this Program (scheduled for 2012).
 - Host Japanese students from the 4th Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children
 - Send students to Japan in the 4th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

(3) Application documents

A. Participant Application Form

Complete the provided form in Japanese in accordance with the instructions. (If unable to express yourself fully in Japanese, you may supplement with your own language)

B. Letter of Consent

Obtain permission from the head (Principal) of the school you belong to. The person giving consent must sign the form in his/her own handwriting. (Not valid without signature)

C. Teaching license

Provide a copy of your middle school teaching license or other equivalent document.

Note: Documents A and B above are also available at the Hakuho Foundation and HGN websites.

(You may fill the forms in directly in the Word files, but be sure to print out and post them with your application)

Note: Personal information contained in submitted documents will be managed stringently by Hakuho Foundation and used only for the purpose of selecting participating schools and sending notification of results.

(4) Application period

Submissions must reach the designated address between Monday, April 25 and Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Note: Applications must be sent by mail. Applications sent by fax or e-mail will not be considered.

(5) Selection process

(a) Applications received will be screened rigorously by a judging panel chosen by Hakuho Foundation.

The following points will be given weight in the selection process.

- Applicant exhibits awareness of Japanese language teaching problems and enthusiasm for improving
- Applicant exhibits a clear vision of their participation in the Program while in Japan
- Applicant has a clear vision of how they will use what they experience and gather in Japan when they return to their home country

(b) Applicants will be notified of whether they have been selected in writing in **mid-July 2011**.

Note that we cannot respond to individual inquiries about selection results.

Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers Schedule

Application period: Monday, April 25–Wednesday May 25, 2011 (delivery deadline)

Notification of results: Mid-July 2011 (tentative)

Program period: Thursday, October 27–Wednesday, November 9, 2011 (tentative)

Notice

The Great Eastern Japan Earthquake occurred on March 11, 2011.

Hakuho Foundation is preparing to hold this Program as planned, but ask for your understanding should we need to change the venue or timing, or even cancel the Program due to recent events.

Addresses for application submission

- **Germany: The Japan Cultural Institute in Cologne (The Japan Foundation)** (<http://www.jki.de/>)
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- **Hungary: The Japan Foundation, Budapest** (<http://www.japanalapitvany.hu/>)
The Japan Foundation, Budapest
Oktogon Haz 2F, Aradi u.8-10, 1062 Budapest, Hungary
Tel: +36-1-214-0775•0776 Fax: +36-1-214-0778

- **India: The Japan Foundation, New Delhi** (<http://www.jfindia.org.in/>)
The Japan Foundation, New Delhi
5-A, Ring Road Lajpat Nagar-IV
New Delhi, 110024, India
Tel: +91-11-2644-2967/2968 Fax: +91-11-2644-2969

- **Indonesia: The Japan Foundation, Jakarta** (<http://www.jpj.or.id>)
The Japan Foundation, Jakarta
Summitmas I 2-3F, Jalan Jenderal Sudirman, Kav. 61-62
Jakarta Selatan 12190, Indonesia
Tel: +62-21-520-1266 Fax: +62-21-525-1750

- **Malaysia: The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur** (<http://www.jfkl.org.my/>)
The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur
18th Floor, Northpoint Block B, Mid-Valley City, Medan Syed Putra, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tel: +60-3-2284-6228 Fax: +60-3-2287-5859

- **Mongolia: The Mongolia-Japan Center for Human Resources Development**
(<http://www.japan-center.mn/>)
The Mongolia-Japan Center for Human Resources Development
The Mongolia-Japan Center Bldg., P.O. Box 46A-190, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Tel: +976-11-310879 Fax: +976-11-317528

- **Romania: Asociatia Profesorilor de Limba Japaneza din Romania** (<http://kyoushikai.wordpress.com/>)
The Association of Japanese Language Teachers in Romania (APJR)
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Str. cpt. Nicolae Licaret nr. 4 bl. 51 ap. 36 sect. 3, 031642 Bucharest, Romania
Tel: +40-721-626-364 Fax: +40-767-395-378

■ **Russia: The Japanese Culture Department “Japan Foundation” of the All-Russia Library for Foreign Literature** (<http://www.jpfmw.ru/>)

The Japanese Culture Department “Japan Foundation” of the All-Russia Library for Foreign Literature
4th Floor, Nikoloyamskaya Street, 1, Moscow, Russian Federation, 109189
Tel: +7-495-626-5583/5585 Fax: +7-495-626-5568

■ **Sri Lanka: The Japanese Teachers’ Association of Sri Lanka**

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C/O, Mrs. Nayomi Wijesekara, The Librarian, Embassy of Japan, 20, Gregory's Road, Colombo-07, Sri Lanka
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Fax: Embassy of Japan +94-11-2698629

■ **Thailand: The Japan Foundation, Bangkok** (<http://www.jfbkk.or.th/>)

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Serm Mit Tower, 10F, 159 Sukhumvit 21 (Asoke Road)
Bangkok 10110, Thailand
Tel: +66-2-260-8560 to 8564 Fax: +66-2-260-8565

■ **Turkey: The Turkish Japanese Foundation Culture Center** (<http://www.tjv.org.tr/>)

The Turkish Japanese Foundation Culture Center
Ferit Recai Ertugrul Caddesi No: 2 Oran, 06450, Ankara, Turkey
Tel: +90-312-491-1748 Fax: +90-312-491-1752

■ **UK: The Japan Foundation, London** (<http://www.jpof.org.uk/>)

The Japan Foundation, London
Russell Square House 10-12 Russell Square, London WC1B 5EH, United Kingdom
Tel: +44-20-7436-6695 Fax: +44-20-7323-4888

■ **Vietnam: The Japan Foundation Venter for Cultural Exchange in Viet Nam** (<http://www.jpof.org.vn/>)

The Japan Foundation Center for Cultural Exchange in Viet Nam
No. 27 Quang Trung Street, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi, Viet Nam
Tel: +84-4-944-7419/7420 Fax: +84-4-944-7418

■ **Other countries: Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children’s Japanese Language Network Secretariat**

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Succeeding The Hakuho Foundation, which was established as an incorporated foundation in 1970, Hakuho Foundation has been recognized as a public interest entity, and commenced operations as a public interest incorporated foundation in April 2011.

To nurture rich human qualities in children, tomorrow's leaders, Hakuho Foundation supports child education, particularly in the areas of language and culture, through such initiatives as the Hakuho Award for outstanding child educators, the Hakuho Research Grant for Child Education, the Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program and the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network.

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