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## **Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network Now accepting applications for Japanese schools to participate in the 4th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children and 4th Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children**

Hakuho Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, today began accepting applications from Japanese middle schools interested in taking part in the 4th Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children and the 4th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children.

- Overview of the Programs

The two Experience Programs are exchange programs for Japanese students and students from schools of teachers who visited Japan on the Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers, held previously in October 2011. The Programs provide participants with opportunities to learn about and respect each other's lifestyles and cultures and grow into well-rounded international people through a variety of interactions and experiences.

It is hoped that through these interactions participating Japanese children will reevaluate the language and culture of Japan and that overseas children will develop a deeper interest in Japan.

- Eligibility

- Middle schools in Japan
- Able to plan, organize and participate in program/s designated by Hakuho Foundation
- Able to obtain permission from the institution head (principal) to participate in both programs
- Able to obtain permission from the necessary national and local government bodies to participate in both Programs
- Agree to disclosure of video images and output of both Programs on the Hakuho Foundation website and DVDs

- Support provided

- Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children  
Airlines (airfares to/from the host country/ies), accommodation and meals in the host country/ies, program activity expenses (including transportation)
- Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children  
Program activity expenses (including transportation), cost of hosting overseas school/s (actual costs/expenses)

- Schedule

Application period: Tuesday, January 10–Friday, February 10, 2012

Notification of results: Late February 2012 (tentative)

Tentative program schedule (length):

Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children: August–September 2012 (around 10 days)

Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children: September–October 2012

- Tentative participating countries

11 countries: Canada, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Romania, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam

Note: Participating Japanese children will visit 1–2 of these countries

※ Please see the Hakuho Foundation website or HGN, the Programs' website, for further details.

※ The Application Guide (in Japanese) is available for download only from the websites below.

Hakuho Foundation website: <http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/globalnet/index.html>

HGN (the Programs' website): <http://www.hgnet.jp/>

Established as an incorporated foundation in 1970, Hakuho Foundation was recognized and commenced operating 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.

**URL: <http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/english/>**

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