

The 4th Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program Invitees Announced

The Hakuho Foundation has finalized selection of invitees to this year's Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program, and announced the invitees on April 1.

Today's Announcement

- After rigorous screening, a total of four researchers from Thailand, USA, Taiwan and Uzbekistan have been selected as this year's invitees. (Please see attachment for details)
- Research work is to begin in October 2009, and continue until September 2010.
- This year, Ochanomizu University and Waseda University join the National Institute for Japanese Language as hosting institutions.

Background to the establishment of the Japanese Language Research Fellowship program

- The Hakuho Foundation, with cooperation from the National Institute for Japanese Language, inaugurated the Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program in 2006 with the objective of strengthening educational fundamentals and advancing research into the Japanese language and Japanese language instruction, as well as the teaching of Japanese as the national language.
- The program invites leading international researchers in the fields of Japanese language and Japanese language instruction to visit Japan and supports the research that they carry out from fresh perspectives. The program makes invitee findings available to researchers and educators in relevant fields in Japan.
- So far, 16 of the world's leading researchers of the Japanese language have been invited to Japan to participate in the Program, producing excellent results. Please refer to the Foundation's Web page for details.
<http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/english/program/index.html>

About the Hakuho Foundation

The Hakuho Foundation was established in 1970 under the approval of the then Ministry of Education to provide support for the fostering of rich human qualities in children. Since its establishment, the Foundation has focused on the fields of language and culture, supporting research activities to further develop and enhance child learning among elementary and junior high school students, as well as language and the culture behind language.

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Attachment:

List of the invitees to the 4th Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program

Research Subject	Invitee	Country	Duration	Hosting Institution
Construction of an evaluation and support system for Japanese language and Japanese culture education using the short stories of rakugo	Kazumi Hatasa Purdue University Professor	U.S.A	2009/10/1 ~2010/3/31	Ochanomizu University
Automization of phonological processing of Japanese as a second language	Hsueh-Chin, Chiu National Taichung Institute of Technology Assistant Professor	Taiwan	2009/10/1 ~2010/9/30	The National Institute for Japanese Language
Persuasive communication strategies in dialogs involving requests and refusals (Focusing on the relationship between the use of polite business expressions and communication)	Nadira Khalmurzaeva Tashkent State Institute Department of Japanese Philology Japanese Language Instructor, Doctoral Scholar	Republic of Uzbekistan	2009/10/1 ~2010/9/30	Waseda University
Study into Japanese language teaching methods for use in Japanese language instruction in Thailand (Preparation of a textbook on Japanese language instruction methods for Thai Japanese language instructors)	Suneerat Neancharoensuk Thammasat University Assistant Professor	Thailand	2010/3/15 ~2010/9/14	Ochanomizu University