

The Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network The 2nd Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

Invitee Schools and Japanese Host Schools Announced

The Hakuho Foundation (Michitaka Kondo, Chairman) is pleased to announce the invitee schools and Japanese host schools that will participate in the 2nd Japanese Experience Program for Overseas Children, which brings together children from Japan and other countries for cultural interactions. The Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children is the second part of the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network (see Appendix 2).

- Following rigorous screening, 9 invitee schools from 9 countries were selected from those that participated in the Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers, the first part of the Scheme (see Appendix 1).
- Two Japanese host schools were selected from amongst applying schools (see Appendix 1).
- The Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children will run from June 1–9, 2009, with the cooperation of the Association for Japanese Language Teaching.

- ♦ **Schedule**
 - June 1–9, 2009
(Arrival in Japan: May 30/31, 2009; Departure from Japan: June 10, 2009)

- ♦ **Experiences in Japan**
 - Visit to a Japanese junior high school for themed debates and interaction with Japanese students
 - A variety of experiential programs to help familiarize invitee students with traditional Japanese culture and modern lifestyles.
 - Home stay with Japanese families
 - Jamboree (campfire), and more

Overview of the 2nd Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

- The second of four cyclical programs that make up the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network, which commenced in March 2007, the Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children follows the Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers, which took place in October 2008.

- The program invites students studying Japanese at elementary and middle school-level learning institutions abroad to Japan to experience Japanese culture and society and interact with their Japanese counterparts in Japanese, with the aim of deepening understanding of and interest in the Japanese language, as well as participants' mutual understanding of each other's culture.
- The network of schools in Japan and abroad arising from this program will have an opportunity to take part in the Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children, the third part of the Scheme, which will take Japanese students to visit schools abroad to interact with their overseas counterparts in the Japanese language (see diagram of the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network in Appendix 2).

List of participating schools in the 2nd Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

<Invitee Schools>

Schools	Country	Accompanying teacher
Delhi Public School Dwarka	INDIA (New Delhi)	J. Monika Sharma
Pandaan 1st State Junior High School	INDONESIA (East Java)	Imad Faiz
Prachinratsadornamroong School	THAILAND (Prachinburi)	Saksri Netharn
Blessed Imelda's School	TAIWAN (Taipei)	Wang Nien-Tzu
Janos Hunfalvy Teacher Training and Bilingual Vocational Secondary School of Economics and Foreign Trade	HUNGARY (Budapest)	Juhasz Borbala Anna
Tay Son Junior High School	VIETNAM (Da Nang)	Nguyen Thi Mong Diep
Tun Syed Sheh Shahabudin Science Secondary School	MALAYSIA (Penang)	Ang Chui Yean
Khan-uul District Foreign Language School of 18	MONGOLIA (Ulaanbaatar)	Damdinsuren Erdenesuvd
Emil Racovita School, No.93	ROMANIA (Bucharest)	Barbu Lavinia

<Hosting Schools>

School	Location	Date of school visit
TOKO GAKUEN Junior High School	Kawasaki, Kanagawa	June 3, 2009
Ome Dairoku Junior High School	Ome, Tokyo	June 4, 2009

<Schools Participating in Jamboree (camp school style exchange program)>

School	Location	Date of Jamboree
TOKO GAKUEN Junior High School	Kawasaki, Kanagawa	
Ome Dairoku Junior High School	Ome, Tokyo	June 6-7, 2009
Otsuma Ranzan Junior High School	Hiki, Saitama	

(Appendix 2)

About the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network

The Hakuho Foundation was established in 1970 under approval of the then Ministry of Education. Beginning with the presenting of the Hakuho Award to organizations and individuals that have made outstanding contributions to the education of elementary and middle-school children, the Foundation has broadened and extended its activities since its founding, with the aim of providing multifaceted support in line with the times.

In March 2007, amid increasing globalization, we commenced the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network. With the goal of fostering the growth of Japanese children into healthy international people with a sure understanding of Japanese language and culture, the Scheme pivots around providing opportunities for Japanese children to experience other cultures, and for children learning Japanese overseas to experience Japan.

Structure of the scheme

The Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network is comprised of 4 programs that support interactions between Japanese children and children learning Japanese overseas, and the enhancement of Japanese language learning environments overseas. Collectively, the programs form a repeating cycle.

- **Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers (support for overseas Japanese classroom environments)**
Supports the enhancement of Japanese language learning environments overseas by inviting (non-Japanese-national) Japanese language teachers from international elementary and middle school-level learning institutions abroad to Japan for training and other activities.
- **Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children (support for cultural interactions between Japanese and overseas children)**
Fosters understanding of and interest in Japanese language and culture by inviting children studying the Japanese language at elementary and middle school-level learning institutions overseas to Japan to experience Japanese society, high technology, traditional arts and other aspects of culture, and interact with their Japanese counterparts through school visits, etc.

- Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children (support for cultural interaction between Japanese and overseas children)**
Supports visits to other countries by Japanese children, promoting their renewed understanding of Japanese language and culture and awareness of themselves as international people through interactions in the Japanese language with their overseas counterparts and the experience of another culture.
- HGN Web Program (interactive communication on the web)**
A Hakuho Foundation-operated information network base open to all who register. An interactive forum for giving and receiving advice and information on various issues relating to Japan and the Japanese language, the website will work toward the formation of a global Japanese language network.

Diagram of the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children’s Japanese Language Network

