

Applications Now being Accepted for the 5th Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program

Tokyo—October 1, 2009—The Hakuho Foundation (Minato-ku, Tokyo; Michitaka Kondo, Chairman) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the 5th Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program.

- **Program objectives**

This Program invites leading international researchers of the Japanese language and Japanese language instruction to conduct residential research in Japan, with the goal of further deepening and practicalizing such research and enhancing its fundamentals in Japan and overseas.

- **Applicant qualifications**

- Those engaged in research into the Japanese language or Japanese language instruction
- University professors or associate professors with outstanding results in research, or other persons with equivalent research backgrounds
- In principle, non-Japanese nationals. Japanese nationals that have resided outside of Japan for 10 years or more and who are active in the academic community of their country of residence will, however, also be considered

- **Schedule**

- Application period: October 1–November 30, 2009
- Notification of result: Late February 2010 (tentative)
- Fellowship period: Early October 2010–late September 2011
(Long fellowship: About 12 months; Short fellowship: 6 months)

- **Receiving organizations** (anticipated)

- The National Institute for Japanese Language & Linguistics
- Ochanomizu University
- Waseda University

– **Reference**

- The 3rd Program invited 6 researchers from 6 countries
The Program finished with final report presentations by the fellows in mid-September 2009
- The 4th Program invited 4 researchers from 4 countries
Research commenced in October 2009 at the receiving organizations

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