

March 15, 2010

**Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network**  
**Participating schools announced for:**  
**3rd Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children**  
**3rd Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children**

The Hakuho Foundation (Minato-ku, Tokyo; Michitaka Kondo, Chairman) is pleased to announce the Japanese and overseas schools that will participate in the 3rd Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children and 3rd Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children, two initiatives of the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network.

- ◆ Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children
  - Participating schools: Please see attachment
  - Schedule: Approx. 1 week in the period June–August 2010
  - Program content: Themed discussion\*, school visits, cultural experience, sightseeing at famous/historical spots
  
- ◆ Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children
  - Participating schools: Please see attachment
  - Schedule: September 11–21, 2010 (to be confirmed)
  - Program content: Themed discussion\*, school visits, camp-style exchange event, forum

\* The theme will first be discussed during the Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children and further deepened and developed during the Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children, where it will be compiled and presented at a forum.

- ◇ Overview of the two programs  
The Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children and the Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children are interchange programs for Japanese students and students of the schools of teachers who visited Japan earlier on the Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers held in October 2009. The programs provide participants with opportunities to grow into well-rounded international people by coming to understand and recognize each other's daily lives and varied cultures through interaction, experiences, themed discussions and other activities. It is also hoped that through these interactions Japanese students will reevaluate the language and culture of Japan and overseas students develop a deeper interest in Japan. Please see the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network website (HGN) or the Hakuho Foundation website for further details.

HGN website: <http://www.hgnet.jp/>

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

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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, tomorrow's leaders.

Believing that the key to child education lies in language education, the Foundation provides support—particularly in the areas of language, culture and education—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.

The Foundation also works to make the results of these programs widely known by organizing events, publishing a periodical newsletter and other public relations activities.

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◆List of participating schools in  
the 3rd Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children

<Japanese invited schools>

School	Location
TOKO GAKUEN Junior High School	Kawasaki, Kanagawa
Ojiya Junior High School	Ojiya, Niigata

<Overseas hosting schools>

School	Country (City)	Date of school visit
Ratchaborikanukroh School	THAILAND (Ratchaburi)	(To be confirmed)
Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan Katholik, Petaling Jaya	MALAYSIA (Petaling Jaya)	(To be confirmed)

◆List of participating schools in  
the 3rd Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

<Overseas invited schools>

School	Country (City)	Accompanying teacher*
Delhi Public School, Mathura Road	INDIA (New Delhi)	Ruchi Jain
Princess of Wales' College	SRI LANKA (Moratuwa)	Colomba Paskuru Meithrige Chathurya Madurabhani
Ratchaborikanukroh School	THAILAND (Ratchaburi)	Tanyarat Kitudom
Viranyos Altalanos Iskola	HUNGARY (Budapest)	Bujdosne Hricisak Viktoria Rita
Phuong Nam Secondary School	VIETNAM (Hanoi)	Le Thi Thu Hang
Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan Katholik, Petaling Jaya	MALAYSIA (Petaling Jaya)	Ng Kar Pek
Mongeni Complex School	MONGOLIA (Ulaanbaatar)	Tavkhai Oyungerel
Colegiul National "Ion Creanga", Bucuresti	ROMANIA (Bucharest)	Barbulescu Andrada Ioana
Moscow State Linguistic Lyceum 1555	RUSSIA (Moscow)	Oxana Bazyulkina

\* Teachers previously participated in the 3rd Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers

<Japanese hosting Schools>

School	Location	Date of school visit
TOKO GAKUEN Junior High School	Kawasaki, Kanagawa	September 15 or 16, 2010
Ojiya Junior High School	Ojiya, Niigata	September 15 or 16, 2010

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

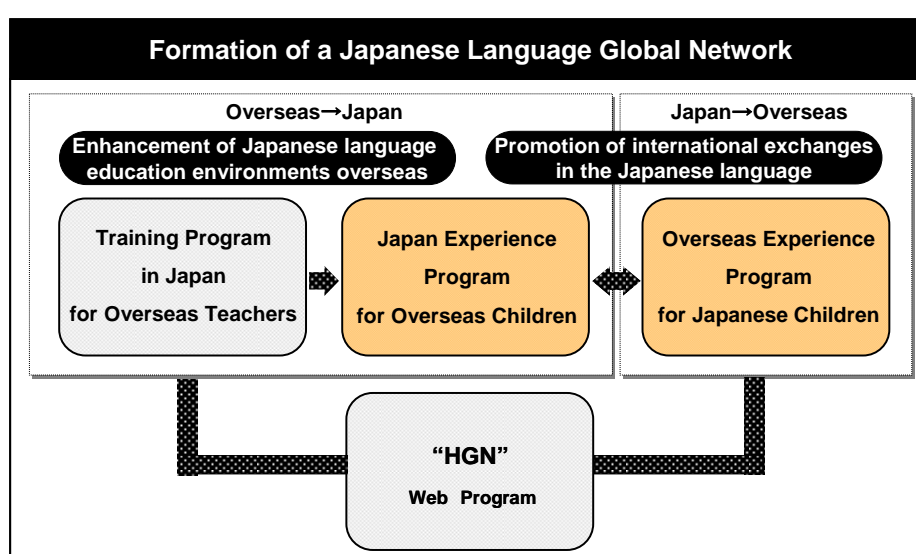
Amid increasing globalization, the Hakuho Foundation inaugurated the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network in March 2007. With the goal of fostering the growth of Japanese children into more well-rounded international people with a sure understanding of the language and culture of Japan, the Scheme pivots around providing opportunities for Japanese children to experience other cultures, and for children learning Japanese overseas to experience Japan.

### ◆ Objectives of the Scheme

- To foster renewed awareness and understanding of the language and culture of Japan by Japanese and overseas children through international interactions in the Japanese language, contributing to the children's growth into well-rounded international people.
- To foster understanding of and interest in the language and culture of Japan by working to revitalize Japanese language lessons and improve classroom environments at schools overseas where Japanese is taught.
- To build a global network for Japanese language education by continuing and expanding these Programs in the mid-long term.

### ◆ Structure of the Scheme

The Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network comprises four programs: two programs that support interactions between Japanese children and overseas children studying the Japanese language; support for improving Japanese language classroom environments overseas; and a dedicated website. Together, this repeating cycle of programs is gradually building a global Japanese language network.



- **Training Program in Japan for Overseas Teachers**

*(support for overseas Japanese classroom environment enhancement)*

This Program supports the enhancement of overseas Japanese language learning environments by inviting Japanese language teachers (non-Japanese nationals) from elementary and middle school-level learning institutions abroad to visit Japan.

- **Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children**

*(support for cultural interaction between overseas and Japanese children)*

This Program invites children studying Japanese at elementary and middle school-level learning institutions overseas to Japan for school visits, cultural and social experiences, themed discussions, and other activities intended to foster understanding of and interest in Japanese language and culture.

- **Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children**

*(support for cultural interaction between Japanese and overseas children)*

This Program 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 themed discussions, interaction and cultural experiences with their overseas peers in the Japanese language.

- **HGN Web Program**

*(promotion of two-way communication through a dedicated web portal)*

A community website for Japanese and overseas teachers and students. This interactive venue introduces the content of previously conducted interaction and experience programs and provides information on Japanese culture and language instruction.