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**Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network
Japanese schools participating in
the 5th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children and
5th Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children
announced**

Hakuho Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, today announced the Japanese schools selected by a judging panel comprised of experts to take part in the 5th Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children and 5th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children.

- **Participating Japanese schools**
Ichikawa Gakuen Ichikawa Junior High School, Chiba Pref.
Junten Junior High School, Tokyo
Tama Junior High School, Tokyo
Ichigao Junior High School, Kanagawa Pref.
- **Program objective**
To provide opportunities for Japanese and overseas students to deepen their understanding of each other and grow into internationally-minded people through intercultural experiences and international exchanges in the Japanese language.
- **Overview of the Programs**
The Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children invites Japanese middle school students to visit an overseas school and take part in exchange activities and local cultural and social experiences in the Japanese language with students of the same age to promote a deeper understanding of and interest in the culture of Japan.

The Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children invites children studying Japanese at elementary and middle school-level learning institutions overseas to Japan to visit a Japanese school and take part in exchange activities and cultural and social experiences with students of the same age to promote deeper understanding of and interest in the language and culture of Japan.
- **Support provided**
Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children: Return airfares, accommodation, meals and activities for the duration of the Program
Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children: Domestic transport, accommodation, meals and activities for the duration of the Program
- **Schedule**
Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children: April 26–May 4, 2014 (tentative)
Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children:
Session 1: July 12–23, 2014 (tentative)
Session 2: August 18–28, 2014 (tentative)

(Schools will participate in one of Session 1 or Session 2)

See the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network's HGN website for further details on the Scheme and this Program: <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 Foundation Japanese Research Fellowship and the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network.

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

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