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Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network Now accepting applications from overseas schools for participation in the 6th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

Hakuho Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, today began accepting applications from overseas schools interested in taking part in the 6th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children.

- **Objectives**

In a global society, mutual understanding and acceptance of the diversity of lifestyles and cultures in other countries are crucial. The Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network aims to provide opportunities for overseas and Japanese students to deepen their understanding of each other and to grow into internationally-minded people through intercultural experiences and international exchanges in the Japanese language.

- **Program overview**

Students studying Japanese overseas come to Japan to visit a participating Japanese school for international exchanges and intercultural experiences in Japanese with Japanese middle school students of the same age.

- **Eligibility**

- School must be recognized as a formal educational institution by its national government.
- School must be engaged in teaching Japanese to students aged between 12 and 16 in formal Japanese classes.
- School must be able to select and send an accompanying teacher to Japan to participate in both this Program and the Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers.

Notes:

Accompanying Japanese teachers from schools selected to participate in the Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children will automatically be selected for the Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers.

Schools that participated in the Program previously are eligible to apply. However, schools that participated in the most recent Program may not apply.

Please refer to the Application Guide on the Hakuho Foundation website for full details:

<http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/english/globalnet/index.html>

- **Support provided**

Return airfares to Japan; departure and airport taxes; Japan visa fee; accommodation, meals and activities (including training and travel) while in Japan; international travelers' insurance

- **Schedule**

Application period: February 17–April 18, 2014

Notification of results: Early June 2014 (tentative)

Tentative program schedule:

November 17–December 5, 2014: Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers

April 17–30, 2015: Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

This program is undertaken with the cooperation of the Japan Foundation, the Association for Japanese-Language Teaching (AJALT), the Association of Japanese Language Teachers in Romania, the Japanese Teachers' Association of Sri Lanka, the Mongolia-Japan Center for Human Resources Development, the Turkish Japanese Foundation Culture Center, WuFeng University and other organizations.

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.

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

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