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**Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network  
Now accepting applications  
from overseas schools for participation in  
the 7th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children**

Hakuhodo Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, announced today at a Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Science press conference that it had begun accepting applications from overseas schools interested in taking part in its 7th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children.

• **Objectives**

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**

The Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children invites children studying Japanese at middle school-level learning institutions overseas (equivalent to junior high school in Japan) to Japan to visit a Japanese school and take part in exchange activities and Japanese cultural and social experiences with students of the same age.

• **Eligibility**

- School must be recognized as a formal middle school-level educational institution by its national government
- School must be engaged in teaching Japanese to students between the ages of 12 and 16, the target age of the Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children, in formal Japanese classes
- School must be able to select and send an accompanying teacher to Japan who will participate in both this Program and the Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers

Notes:

- Accompanying 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 have participated in the Program previously are eligible to apply
- Please refer to the Application Guide on the Foundation's website for full details  
Hakuho Foundation website: <http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/english/index.html>

• **Support provided**

Support provided: Return airfares to Japan; accommodation, meals and activities (including training and travel and expenses) while in Japan; etc.

• **Schedule**

Application period: January 13–March 13, 2015

Notification of results: End of May 2015 (tentative)

Tentative program schedule:

November 15–December 4, 2015: Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers

April 14–27, 2016: Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

Please refer to the Foundation's website for further information on the Hakuodo Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Network and this Program.

This program is undertaken with the cooperation of the Japan Foundation, the Association for Japanese-Language Teaching, 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, and 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.

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