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Now accepting applications from Japanese junior high schools for participation in the 13th Japanese Language Exchange Program

Hakuhodo Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, announced today that it had begun accepting applications from Japanese junior high schools interested in taking part in its 13th Japanese Language Exchange Program.

Although the program was temporarily suspended due to the influence of the spread of COVID-19, we have now resumed accepting applications for participation. In resuming, we have strengthened the continuity of exchanges by introducing online activities and have completely reviewed the program so that it can be operated with the highest priority given to safety in implementation. However, all or part of the program may be postponed or canceled depending on the spread of COVID-19 in each country.

We thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

■ Objectives

The Japanese Language Exchange Program aims to provide opportunities for overseas and Japanese students to deepen their understanding of each other and to grow into “individuals who can work together with people of different cultures to address social issues” through intercultural experiences and international exchanges in Japanese language.

■ Program overview

The Japanese Language Exchange Program invites children studying Japanese at middle school level learning institutions overseas (equivalent to junior high school in Japan) and an accompanying teacher to Japan to visit Japanese schools and take part in exchange activities and Japanese cultural and social experiences with students of the same age.

■ Eligibility

- The school must provide lower secondary education as stipulated in School Education Act of Japan
- The school must be able to obtain permission to participate in the program from the national government and related government agencies as necessary
- The school must be able to accept a visit of overseas schools coming to Japan
- The school must be actively and cooperatively involved in the preparation and implementation of the program, etc.

Notes:

- * 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
Hakuhodo Foundation website: <https://www.hakuhodofoundation.or.jp/en/>

■ Support provided

- Expenses for activities in the program (including transportation expenses, insurance premiums, etc.)
- Expenses related to hosting an overseas school (school visit) (actual expenses)
- Expenses related to promoting online exchanges with overseas schools (examples of use: equipment purchases, environment improvements, ICT support outsourcing, teacher training participation costs, etc.)

■ Schedule

- Application period:
[Entry Sheet] must be received by Hakuhodo Foundation between May 16 - June 15, 2022
[Application Form] must be received by Hakuhodo Foundation between May 16 – July 29, 2022
- Notification of results: Early October 2022 (tentative)
- Program schedule: May 13 - May 23, 2023 (tentative)

* Please refer to the Foundation's website for further information on the Japanese Language Exchange Program.

Since our establishment in 1970, Hakuhodo Foundation has worked tirelessly to help children grow and develop rich human qualities through Japanese language education, educational support for deaf-blind children, and research into surrounding issues.

Centered on the Hakuho Award, which was initiated immediately after our establishment to recognize exceptional practitioners of children's education, the Foundation engages in diverse activities, including the Research Grant for Child Education and the Teacher Development Scholarship, focusing on children, language, and education.

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