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13th Japanese Language Exchange Program Participating overseas schools announced

Hakuhodo Foundation today announced the selection of overseas schools participating in the 13th Japanese Language Exchange Program. After a rigorous screening process by an evaluation committee of experts, 10 schools from 9 countries/regions around the world were selected to participate in this program.

(*Refer to the attachment)

■ 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) 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. In addition, online exchanges and lectures will be held prior to and following the overseas schools' stay in Japan.

■ Support provided

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

■ Schedule

May 13 - May 23, 2023 (tentative)

*Preparatory training for Japanese language teachers from the participating overseas schools will be held from November 14 to November 30, 2022. (tentative)

* All or part of the program may be postponed or cancelled depending on the spread of the new coronavirus in each country.

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, Tunghai University, the Turkish Japanese Foundation Culture Center and other organizations.

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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Participating Overseas Schools in the 13th Hakuodo Japanese Language Exchange Program

Location	School	Accompanying Japanese Teacher
AUSTRALIA	Mount Waverley Secondary College	Michelle Lukaczynski
BRAZIL	Colégio Oshiman	Laura Mie Yamamoto Watanabe
INDONESIA	Madania	Nini Saputri
INDONESIA	Labschool Cirendeu Junior High School	Nopi Kurniawan
MALAYSIA	Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Seksyen 9	Nor Sahayu Binti Hamzah
MONGOLIA	School 19	Lkhagvajav Enkhtuya
SPAIN	Institut Alexandre Deulofeu	Minerva Terrades Oliveras
TAIWAN	Private Dong Wu Senior Industrial Home Economics Vocational High School	Chen Chien-Hsu
THAILAND	Damrongratsongkroh School	Porntip Kampunpang
TURKEY	Istanbul Ticaret Odasi Marmara Anadolu Imam Hatip Lisesi	Rabia Balkanci