

July 27, 2023

14th Japanese Language Exchange Program Participating overseas schools announced

Hakuhodo Foundation today announced the selection of overseas schools participating in the 14th Japanese Language Exchange Program. After a rigorous screening process by an evaluation committee of experts, 12 schools from 12 countries 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 8 - May 21, 2024 (tentative)

*Preparatory training for Japanese language teachers from the participating overseas schools will be held from November 13 to December 1, 2023. (tentative)

* Depending on the spread of infectious diseases in each country, all or part of this program may be canceled or postponed.

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 into well-rounded human beings through Japanese language education, educational support for the special children, and research into surrounding issues. Now maximizing our knowledge and experience, our activities are based on the three pillars of “children”, “language”, and “education”.

Our longest and significant activity is the Hakuho Award, praising outstanding educators for more than 50 years.

Besides this Award, the Foundation is engaged in the various activities such as “Japanese Language Education Support for Overseas Children”, “Japanese Language Exchanges with Children around the World,” “the Social Enlightenment Project (expanding reading opportunities for children)”, “Research Institute for children” in addition to “Research Grant for Child Education” and “Scholarship for the future teacher”.

URL: <https://www.hakuhodofoundation.or.jp/en/>

■ Contact

Hakuhodo Foundation

Japanese Language Exchange Program (Junko Ibuki)

Tel: +81-(0)3-6206-6266 / Fax: +81-(0)3-6206-6582 / E-mail: hakuho.gn@hakuhodo.co.jp

Participating Overseas Schools in the 14th Japanese Language Exchange Program

Location	School	Accompanying Teacher
Brazil	Colégio Mirassol	Sofia Saori Sagae Kaji
Hungary	Hunfalvy János Bilingual Secondary Vocational School	Nyeste Zsolt
India	SMT.C.B. Adarsh Vidya Mandir High School & Junior College	Ameya Ajay Patki
Indonesia	Nakamura School	Ar Rasyid Khairun
Malaysia	Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tropicana	Wan Norshazwani Binti Wan Mohamed
Mongolia	Erdmiin Undraa Complex School -54	Tuvshintugs Enkhpurev
Romania	Ion Creanga National College	Ioana Atanasiu Banner
Spain	Colegio Santo Tomás de Villanueva	María Teresa Belarte Luque
Sri Lanka	Rajasinghe Vidyalaya	Nilmini Vidyadharie Manchanayake Kobala Vithanage
Thailand	Phitsanulok Pittayakom School	Wachiraphong Phunkeson
Turkey	Yasam Tasarim Okullari	Esra Kilinc
UK	Bury St Edmunds County High School	Sally Wotton