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15th Japanese Language Exchange Program Participating overseas schools announced

Hakuhodo Foundation today announced the selection of overseas schools participating in the 15th Japanese Language Exchange Program. After a rigorous screening process by an evaluation committee of experts, 10 schools from 9 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, provides them with visits to Japanese schools with participating in exchange activities, and enhances their 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 14 - May 27, 2025 (tentative)

*Preparatory training for Japanese language teachers from the participating overseas schools will be held from November 11 to November 29, 2024. (tentative)

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”, “Research Institute for children” in addition to “Research Grant for Child Education” and “Scholarship for the future teacher”.

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Participating Overseas Schools in the 15th Japanese Language Exchange Program

Location	School	Accompanying Teacher
Hungary	Xántus János Secondary School	Mikó Flóra Judit
India	Dr. B.R.Ambedkar School of Specialized Excellence Sector 23	Divesh Birla
Indonesia	Al Azhar 13 Surabaya Islamic Junior High School	Yafra Andi Kisti
Indonesia	State Junior High School 6th Bukittinggi	Paulina Virgianti
Malaysia	SM Sung Siew (CF)	Janikah Bin Jeppy
Mongolia	Shine Mongol School	Tuvshinjargal Vandandorj
Peru	Colegio Peruano Japonés La Unión	Dora Sayuri Nishizawa Wong De Kanna
Thailand	Woranari Chaloem Songkhla School	Padsara Yodsuwan
UK	Impington Village College	Helen Mary Turner
Vietnam	Hoang Dieu Secondary School	Pham Thi Duyen