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Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network 9th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children Participating overseas schools announced

Hakuho Foundation (Chairman, Junji Narita), a public interest incorporated foundation, today announced the overseas schools that will take part in the 9th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children.

Following rigorous screening by a judging panel comprised of experts, 13 schools from 14 countries and regions were selected to participate in the Program. (See annex)

- Scheme 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 overseas middle school-level learning institutions (equivalent to junior high school in Japan) to Japan to visit a Japanese school and take part in exchange activities and cultural and social experiences with students of the same age to promote deeper understanding of and interest in the language and culture of Japan.

- Support provided

Return airfares to Japan, accommodation, meals and activities (including training and travel expenses)

- Schedule

April 12–26, 2018 (tentative)

Preparatory training for Japanese language teachers from the participating overseas schools will be held from November 13–December 2, 2017.

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.

Hakuho Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation based in Tokyo, Japan, was established in 1970 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Hakuodo Inc., a major Japanese advertising company. With the vision of contributing to children's growth through the power of language, the Foundation helps support child education through such initiatives as the Hakuho Award, the Hakuho Research Grand for Child Education, the Hakuho Foundation Japanese Research Fellowship, and the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network. In 2017, we redoubled our commitment to this vision with the establishment of the Hakuho Foundation Child Research Institute.

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Participating Overseas Schools in the 9th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

Location	School	Accompanying Japanese Teacher
AUSTRALIA	Mater Dei Catholic College	Kirsten Fuller
AUSTRALIA	Mount Lilydale Mercy College	Natasha McKenzie
HUNGARY	The Hunfalvy Bilingual Secondary Vocational School	Nyeste Zsolt
INDIA	Amity International School, Vasundhara-6	Rashmi Shankar
INDONESIA	SMP Muhammadiyah Ahmad Dahlan	Fitri Ayu Arumsari
MALAYSIA	SMK Sultanah Asma	Mazlan Bin Ahmad
PHILIPPINES	Caritas Don Bosco School	Herminia Villar
RUSSIA	Moscow State Budgetary Comprehensive School 1399 with in-depth Study of Foreign Languages	Borozdina Natalia
SRI LANKA	WP/GM/Ovitigama Bodhiraja Maha Vidyalaya	Pathira Vidanalage Maheshika Lasanthi Kumarasinghe
TAIWAN	Lu Chu Senior High School	Chen, Tsai-Yu
THAILAND	Prangku School	Saranya Rattanathaweechaiphon
TURKEY	Ceceli Koleji	Melek Gulsen
UK	Aylward Academy	Neil Rodaway
VIETNAM	Binh Thang Secondary School	Huynh Thanh Phuc