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Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network 5th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children Participating overseas schools announced

Hakuho Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, announced today at a Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Science press conference the overseas schools that will participate in its 5th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children.

Following rigorous screening by a judging panel comprised of experts, 15 schools from 15 countries and territories were selected to participate in the Program. (See annex)

- Program objective
To provide opportunities for Japanese and overseas students to deepen their understanding of each other and grow into internationally-minded people through intercultural experiences and international exchanges in the Japanese language.
- Program overview
The Program invites children studying Japanese at elementary and middle school-level learning institutions overseas 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
Airlines to/from Japan, accommodation, meals and program activities for the duration of stay in Japan
- Schedule
Program period: Around July 2014 (tentative)

Preparatory training for Japanese language teachers from the participating overseas schools will be held in November 2013.

See the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network's HGN website for further details on the Scheme and this Program: <http://www.hgnet.jp/>

Established as an incorporated foundation in 1970, Hakuho Foundation was recognized and commenced operating as a public interest incorporated foundation in April 2011.

To nurture rich human qualities in children, tomorrow's leaders, Hakuho Foundation supports child education, particularly in the areas of language and culture, through such initiatives as the Hakuho Award for outstanding child educators, the Hakuho Research Grant for Child Education, the Hakuho Japanese Language Research Fellowship Program and the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network.

URL: <http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/english/>

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This program is undertaken with the cooperation of the Japan Foundation, the Association for Japanese-Language Teaching (AJALT), and 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.

Participating Overseas Schools in the 5th Japan Experience Program for Overseas

Location	School	Accompanying Japanese Teacher
AUSTRALIA	Beaudesert State High School	Tasha DAMON
BRAZIL	Harmonia Association of Culture and Education	Monika Jessica Aparecida FERNANDES
HUNGARY	Europe 2000 Secondary School for Economics, Information Technology and Tourism	BARANYAI Peter
INDIA	Delhi Public School Maruti Kunj	Susmita BANERJEE
INDONESIA	Pandaan 1st State Junior High School	Imad FAIZ
MALAYSIA	Miri Science Secondary School	Fiona TOH Shu Chew
MONGOLIA	Secondary School No.18	DALKHAA Luvsanjargal
ROMANIA	Ion Creanga National College	MOCANU Magdalena
RUSSIA	School No. 83, Saint-Petersburg	Alla STARIKOVA
SRI LANKA	Bandaranayake College, Gampaha	Karunanayake Weerawardhana Pathirannahelage Pradeepa Lakmini KARUNANAYAKE
TAIWAN	Dao Jiang Senior High School of Nursing and Home Economics	SONG Shu Yi
THAILAND	Phitsanulok Phittayacom School	Phakaphon KHEMKHAN
TURKEY	Canakkale Anadolu Lisesi	Gamze BAYINDIR
UK	The Holy Family Catholic School	Dieter VERFUERTH
VIETNAM	Binh Thang Secondary School	LE Thi Phuong Dien