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## **Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network 7th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children 7th Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children Now accepting applications for participating Japanese schools**

Hakuho Foundation (Chairman, Junji Narita), a public interest incorporated foundation, today began accepting applications from Japanese schools interested in taking part in the above two programs.

- Program 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

### Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

Students studying Japanese at overseas schools (see Note 1) and their accompanying teachers come to Japan to visit a participating Japanese school (see Note 2) for international exchanges and intercultural experiences in Japanese with Japanese students of the same age.

Note 1: 11 schools from 10 countries and regions around the world (subject to change)

Note 2: Two Japanese schools will be selected in this round of applications (subject to change)

### Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children

Japanese junior high school students visit a participating overseas school (see Note 3) for international exchanges and intercultural experiences in Japanese with students of the same age studying Japanese.

Note 3: One of the overseas schools participating in the Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children (subject to change)

- Applicant qualifications

- Junior high school located in Japan (applications are sought from schools, not individuals)
- School must be able to provide students and two accompanying teachers to participate in both programs
- School must be able to send students to participate in the Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children
- School must be able to host a school visit by overseas schools participating in the Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children and join them in a camp-style extracurricular activity (around 2 nights/3 days)

- Support provided

Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

Program activity expenses (including accommodation, meals, transportation and insurance), cost of hosting overseas school/s (school visit) (actual costs/expenses)

Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children

Travel expenses (return airfares to country visited, departure taxes, airport taxes, visa cost), accommodation and meals in the country visited, program activity expenses (including training expenses, transportation and insurance)

- Schedule

Application period: July 10–August 31, 2015

Notification of results: Early October 2015 (tentative)

Program period: April 14–27, 2016: Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children

July 21–31, 2016: Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children

- Tentative participating countries

11 schools from Australia, Brazil, India, Malaysia, Mongolia, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, Vietnam

Japanese schools participating in the Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children will be assigned to visit one of the countries above.

Please refer to the Application Guide (in Japanese) or the Foundation's website for further information on the Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network.

The Application Guide (in Japanese) is available for download from the website below.

Hakuho Foundation website: <http://www.hakuhodo.co.jp/foundation/english/globalnet/index.html>

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.

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