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Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Language Network 10th Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children 10th 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 and their accompanying teachers come to Japan to visit participating Japanese schools (see Note 1) for international exchanges and intercultural experiences in Japanese with Japanese students of the same age.

Note 1: 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 2) for international exchanges and intercultural experiences in Japanese with students of the same age studying Japanese.

Note 2: 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 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)
- School must be able to send students to participate in the Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children

- 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: June 1–August 31, 2018
 - Notification of results: Early October 2018 (tentative)
 - Program period: April 11–25, 2019 (tentative): Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children
July 21–31, 2019 (tentative): Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children
- Participating countries (tentative)
 - Australia, Brazil, India, Malaysia, Mongolia, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and others
 - The country that Japanese schools participating in the Overseas Experience Program for Japanese Children visit will be selected from among the participating countries.

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: <https://www.hakuhofoundation.or.jp/download/#globalnet>

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.

URL: <http://www.hakuhofoundation.or.jp/english/tabid/187/Default.aspx>

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