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Now accepting applications from overseas schools for participation in the 11th Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program

Hakuho Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, announced today at a Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Science press conference that it had begun accepting applications from overseas schools interested in taking part in its 11th Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program (formerly known as Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children).

The Hakuho Scheme for a Global Children's Japanese Network began in 2007. To allow for an easier understanding of the program content, the program name will be changed to Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program in conjunction with the start of application for the 11th year of the program.

• **Objectives**

Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program 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**

Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program invites children studying Japanese at middle school-level learning institutions overseas (equivalent to junior high school in Japan) to Japan to visit a Japanese school and take part in exchange activities and Japanese cultural and social experiences with students of the same age.

• **Eligibility**

- School must be recognized as a formal middle school-level educational institution by its national government
- School must be engaged in teaching Japanese to students between the ages of 12 and 16, the target age of the Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program, in formal Japanese classes
- School must be able to select and send an accompanying teacher to Japan who will participate in both this Program and the Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers

Notes:

- Accompanying teachers from schools selected to participate in the Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program will automatically be selected for the Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers
- Schools that have participated in the Program previously are eligible to apply
- Please refer to the Application Guide on the Foundation's website for full details
Hakuho Foundation website: <http://www.hakuhofoundation.or.jp/english/globalnet/tabid/208/Default.aspx>

• **Support provided**

Support provided: Return airfares to Japan; accommodation, meals and activities (including training and travel and expenses) while in Japan; etc.

• **Schedule**

Application period: January 7–March 8, 2019

Notification of results: In June 2019 (tentative)

Tentative program schedule:

November 11–30, 2019: Preparatory Training in Japan for Overseas Teachers

March 11–26, 2020: Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program

Please refer to the Foundation's website for further information on Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program.

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, the Hakuho Japanese Language Exchange Program (formerly known as the Japan Experience Program for Overseas Children), and the Hakuho Foundation Child Research Institute. In addition, we have set up the Hakuho Teacher Development Scholarship in 2018.

URL: <https://www.hakuhofoundation.or.jp/en/>

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