

370,000 people in 66 countries and regions to take the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test.

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The Japan Foundation conducts the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) on Sunday, December 7, 2014 in 209 cities of 65 countries outside Japan. With a history of 30 years, JLPT is the largest comprehensive test of Japanese-language skills for non-native speakers and has been taken by 7,559,827 examinees so far.

Outline of December 2014 JLPT

<Date> Sunday, December 7, 2014
 <Sites> 209 cities in 65 countries and regions abroad and 45 prefectures in Japan
 <Levels> N1-N5 (five levels with N1 being the highest)
 <Number of Applicants> Over 370,000 people (approximately 280,000 overseas and 90,000 in Japan)

New cities for the JLPT in December 2014: Arvayheer (Mongolia), Columbus (U.S.A), Boulder (U.S.A.), Strasbourg (France), Astrakhan (Russia), Johannesburg (South Africa)

The number of applications has increased by 19% in Southeast Asia and by 20% in South Asia.

Breaking it down by country, the percentage of increase is 37% in Vietnam, 38% in Myanmar and 28% in Sri Lanka.
 (Comparison with the number of applicants for December 2013)

Vietnam: Conducted in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh and Da Nang. 23,232 Applicants (16,981 in Dec.2013; 37% increase)
 Myanmar: Conducted in Yangon. 5,636 Applicants (4,080 in Dec 2013; 38% increase)
 Sri Lanka: Conducted in Colombo. 1,753 Applicants (1,374 in Dec 2013; 28% increase)

JLPT: summary of linguistic competence required for each level	
N 1	The ability to understand Japanese used in a variety of circumstances.
N 2	The ability to understand Japanese used in everyday situations, and in a variety of circumstances to a certain degree.
N 3	The ability to understand Japanese used in everyday situations to a certain degree.
N 4	The ability to understand basic Japanese.
N 5	The ability to understand some basic Japanese.

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