

## The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai to Hold 20th Anniversary Symposium in Osaka on August 19

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai, has this year marked its 20th anniversary. To commemorate it, the Institute will hold a symposium on Saturday, August 19, 2017, to discuss the significance of and possibilities for e-learning within Japanese-language education with the theme “The Development and Implementation of e-Learning for Japanese Language Learners,” which is one of the Institute’s objectives.



As part of its support to Japanese-language education overseas, the Institute advances the development of e-learning (online Japanese courses, Japanese-language learning sites, and applications), to correspond to the demands arising from a diversified and changing educational environment due to the growth and proliferation of ICT.

At this symposium, the Institute will share how it has developed websites and applications to meet the needs of Japanese-language learners in the present day. It will also report on the creation and operation of the Japanese-language learning platform developed and released as a new venture in 2016 called, ‘JF Japanese e-Learning Minato,’ its aims and features, and the online Japanese language courses offered through it.

It will also be an opportunity to consider the possibilities and future direction of e-learning, with a discussion involving e-learning specialists on the role that e-learning fulfills and its significance within Japanese-language education.

Members of the press are welcomed to the symposium. For further information, please contact the personnel written at the bottom.

**【Date/Time】** Saturday, August 19th, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 5:10 p.m.

**【Theme】** The Role of e-Learning for Japanese-Language Learners - Development and Operations by the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai  
 [Session 1] The development of web sites/apps for Japanese language learners  
 [Session 2] The creation and operation of online courses within the Japanese-language learning platform ‘Minato’  
 [Session 3] Panel discussion: The significance of and possibilities for e-learning in Japanese-language education.

**【Main speakers】** Toshiko Hosaka (Professor, Graduate School of Social and Cultural Studies, Nihon University)  
 Jaeho Lee (Professor, Graduate School of Japanese Applied Linguistics, Waseda University)

**【Venue】** The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai, Hall (Seating capacity 130)

**【Admission fee】** Free

**【Organizer】** The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai

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