

“Survey Report on Japanese-Language Education Abroad 2006” has been released!

The Japan Foundation conducts a questionnaire survey on overseas educational institutions, examining the number of the Japanese-language students, the number of Japanese-language teachers, reasons for studying Japanese, problems and concerns in Japanese-language education, etc. This survey provides basic data and information on Japanese-language education in the world and enhances networking among people who engage in Japanese-language education.

We already presented the 2006 survey result in last autumn including the fact that, for example, about 3million people in 133 countries and/or districts were learning Japanese-language. We would today like to announce that we have published “Survey Report on Japanese-Language Education Abroad 2006: Present Condition of Overseas Japanese-Language Education Summary” (about 20pages), which is the compact summary of the final report. This summary report is available on our website as follows:<http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/japan/oversea/survey.html>
This summary report is sold at JFIC Shop* at 300 yen including tax. We hope that the final report to be published at the end of March this year (200 pages; 2,000 yen including tax) will also be utilized.

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《 Example of the Results 》

Top Three Countries with the Largest Number of Students

- Korea 910,000 / China 680,000 / Australia 370,000 /
- Asia and Oceania together account for 90% of all the students of the Japanese-language.

Increased Students and Its Factor

- Increase in Southeast Asia and South Asia such as Indonesia and India was noticeable.
- The background factor is assumed to be the change in educational system and strengthened economic ties.

Top Three Purposes for Learning Japanese

- Learning about Japanese culture including arts, literature, pop-culture, etc.
- Being able to communicate in the Japanese-language
- Interest in the Japanese-language

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