

Activities at Two Japanese-Language Institutes in Japan

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa offers master's and doctoral programs designed to train individuals who will guide the course of Japanese-language education in different countries abroad. It also conducts programs for Japanese-language teachers who have already completed training courses at the Institute and wish to acquire an even higher level of proficiency in the language. Moreover, the Institute conducts training programs abroad for Japanese-language teachers in countries (such as Australia) that have an especially large number of Japanese learners.

Also available are training programs in instructional techniques for JET trainees posted throughout Japan, who are interested in becoming Japanese teachers upon returning home, and Japanese-language programs for JET trainees in Saitama Prefecture, who wish to enhance their conversational skills.

Recognizing the difficulty of producing Japanese teaching materials overseas, the Japanese-Language Institute develops Japanese-language textbooks, dictionaries, and audiovisual materials, and supplies them to

schools and institutions abroad where Japanese is taught.

In addition, the Institute arranges stays in Japan for specialists in Japanese-language education who need to conduct research in this country in order to develop instructional materials and techniques. The Institute also supports the publication of Japanese teaching materials abroad as well, and donates Japanese teaching materials to schools and institutions abroad that lack these resources.

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai offers long-term intensive programs for individuals who need to acquire knowledge of Japan and Japanese society as they pursue specialized research or careers abroad. The Institute provides research support in specific fields of specialization, and develops instructional techniques and teaching materials for use in them. Furthermore, it arranges travel to Japan for university-level learners from regions where Japanese language education is growing, and it organizes programs in Japan for Korean high school students who are learning Japanese.



The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa



The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai