

Summary of Japanese-Language Education Overseas Programs

1—Building and Strengthening a Network of Overseas Japanese-Language Institutions

① Survey on Japanese-Language Education Overseas

In fiscal 2009, we conducted the following surveys:

- Survey of Japanese-language institutions
- Information on individual countries/regions providing Japanese-language education

② Provision of Information on the Current Status of Japanese-Language Education

We issued periodical publications regarding Japanese-language education, both in print and in web-based electronic formats. The print versions were donated to libraries. The specific titles of the publications are as follows.

Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin (website)

Kokusai Koryu Kikin Nihongo Kyoiku Kiyo (The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Education Bulletin), Vol. 6 (book/website)

③ International Speech Contest in Japanese

We held the 50th International Speech Contest in Japanese in Hakodate City, Hokkaido.

④ JF Nihongo Network

The JF Nihongo Network “the Sakura Network” aims to expand its core membership to 100 organizations within the three years from fiscal 2008. This year, we selected 74 organizations as core members and helped them to organize seminars, to provide training and to develop education materials.

⑤ Japanese-Language Specialists Dispatch

We dispatched Japanese-language specialists and junior specialists to core Japanese-language institutions overseas. In cooperation with Japanese universities and graduate schools offering a Japanese-language teacher training program, we dispatched students abroad as Japanese-language teaching interns. Moreover, we provided preparatory training covering technical knowledge and skills for 2010 program participants. Figures for fiscal 2009 are as follows:

- Japanese-language specialists: 63 projects in 35 countries
- Junior specialists: 32 projects in 19 countries
- Assistant teachers: 7 projects in 7 countries
- Japanese-language interns: 244 projects in 20 countries
- Pre-dispatch training for Japanese-language specialists: 1 project

⑥ Commissioned Programs for the JENESYS Programme

We were commissioned to dispatch young Japanese-language teachers, who are majoring in Japanese-language education at university, to East Asian countries under the Japan-East Asian Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme:

- 58 young Japanese-language teachers dispatched to 13 countries

⑦ Supporting Japanese-Language Institutions and Projects

We provided the following grants to core overseas Japanese-language institutions, as well as to the Society for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language, which supports Japanese-language education abroad.

- Grant Program for Japanese-Language Courses Abroad (rewards

for local teachers): 36 grants in 22 countries

- Japanese Speech Contest Support Program: 94 grants in 62 countries

- Grant Program for Developing Networks of Japanese-Language Teachers and Institutions: 25 grants in 19 countries

- Society for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language: 1 grant

2—Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)(see p.21)

3—Training Programs at Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa

① Training Programs for Overseas Teachers

We provided the following training programs for overseas-based Japanese-language teachers,

- Long-Term Training Program for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese-Language: 44 teachers from 29 countries

- Short-Term Training Program for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese-Language: 96 teachers from 38 countries

- Training for Japanese-language teachers in high schools in Korea: 56 teachers

- Training for Japanese-language teachers in universities and secondary schools in China: 59 teachers

- Training for Japanese-language teachers in secondary schools in Indonesia: 20 teachers

- Short-term training for Japanese-language teachers in Thailand: 18 teachers

- Training for Japanese-language teachers in secondary schools in Malaysia: 7 teachers

- Graduate Program on Japanese-Language and Culture (Master’s Course: new entrants): 8 students from 6 countries

- Graduate Program on Japanese-Language and Culture (Master’s Course: existing students): 6 students from 5 countries

- Graduate Program on Japanese-Language and Culture (Doctorate Course: new entrants): 1 student

- Graduate Program on Japanese-Language and Culture (Doctorate Course: existing): 4 students from 4 countries

- Training Program for Leading Teachers of Japanese-Language: 8 teachers from 6 countries

In addition, we provided training programs for international JET Programme participants on Japanese-language education: Training for JET participants in Japan: 29 people from 10 countries

② Initiatives Commissioned by the JENESYS Programme

- Training for young Japanese-language teachers in East Asia: 39 teachers from 11 countries

- Training for young Japanese-language teachers in South Asia: 19 teachers from 5 countries

- Training for young Japanese-language teachers in the Mekong region: 10 teachers from 5 countries

③ We Were Also Commissioned to Provide the Following Training Programs:

- Overseas Japanese-language teachers: 13 teachers from 10 countries

- Japanese-language teachers in secondary schools in Dalian,



Left: *Nihongo Kyoiku Tsushin*, which provides information on Japanese-language education on the Japan Foundation website.
Middle: *Nihongo Kyoiku Kiyo* (Japanese-Language Education Bulletin) Vol. 6
Right: *Nihongo Kyojuho Series “Bunpo Wo Oshieru”* (Japanese-Language Education Series “Teaching Grammar”)

China: 1 teacher

○ Young Russian Japanese-language teachers: 7 teachers

4—Supporting the Development and Promotion of Japanese Language Education Materials

① Production and Promotion of Japanese-Language Educational Materials

In fiscal 2009, we continued to develop and promote our proprietary materials for teaching and studying Japanese:

○ *Erin's Challenge! I Can Speak Japanese* (broadcast/website)

In fiscal 2009, this program was rescreened on NHK and NHK World, and also broadcast on local TV networks in Brazil, Sri Lanka, Korea and Finland, with appropriate subtitling or dubbing. We also launched a website for *Erin's Challenge! I Can Speak Japanese*, where users, including beginners, can study Japanese language and culture through fun games and quizzes.

○ *The Japan Foundation Nihongo Kyojuho Series* (publications)

We published one volume of this 14-volume series: the 4th volume,

○ *Bunpo Wo Oshieru* (Teaching Grammar)

○ *Minna no Kyozaï* (website)

The search function and community-building function of *Minna no Kyozaï* were enhanced, and new teaching materials added. Total traffic to the site amounted to 5.34 million hits.

○ *Nihongo de Care-navi* (website)

A function that allows searching of Japanese example sentences was added. Total traffic to the site amounted to 740,000 hits.

○ *Japanese in Anime and Manga* (website)(see p.23)

○ The JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education(see p.24)

② Donations of Teaching Materials for Japanese-Language Education

We donated Japanese teaching materials, which are otherwise difficult to obtain locally, to overseas schools that offer Japanese-language courses (800 donations in 95 countries).

③ The Library of Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa

With its 44,616 books and audio-visuals and 673 journals and periodicals, this special library provides access to information and reference materials in the field of Japanese-language education.

5—Training Programs at the Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai

① Japanese-Language Training Programs

We provided Japanese-language programs, the like of which, due to their highly technical content, are not produced by any other organization, and other training programs to encourage overseas Japanese-language learners. The main programs for fiscal 2009 were as follows:

○ Japanese-Language Program for Foreign Service Officers: 23 people from 23 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for Public Officials: 5 people from five countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for Researchers and Postgraduate Students: 45 people from 20 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for University Students: 51 people

from 30 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for Outstanding Students: 54 people from 50 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for High School Students: 32 people from 17 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for Young Korean Students (Lee Soo-Hyun Memorial Program): 30 people

○ Asian Youth Fellowship Japanese-Language Program: 18 people from 10 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for University Students Group: 100 people from 18 countries

○ Osaka and Queensland Japanese-Language Teacher Training: 5 people

○ Japanese-Language Follow-up Program for Indonesian Candidates for Nursing Care Workers: 34 people

○ Japanese-Language Program for JET Participants in Osaka: 35 people from 7 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for Foreign Diplomats in Japan: 19 people from 17 countries

② Initiatives Commissioned by the JENESYS Programme

○ College in Japan Program in East Asia: 40 people from 4 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for University Students in East Asia (spring): 20 people from 4 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for University Students in East Asia (summer): 30 people from 9 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for University Students in East Asia (fall): 8 people from 2 countries

○ Japanese-Language Program for University Students in South Asia: 39 people from 6 countries

③ Other Commissioned Programs

○ Japanese-Language Program for Japanese-Language Teachers from New Zealand: 3 people

○ Japanese-Language Program for University Students from Indonesia: 2 people

○ Japanese-Language Program for Students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong: 10 people

○ Japanese-Language Program for Japanese-Language Teachers from Australia: 10 people

④ Outsourced Program

We implemented a training program for foreign diplomats in Japan (19 people from 17 countries) by entrusting the task to the Association for Japanese-Language Teaching, in accordance with Article 14 of the Act on Reform of Public Services by Introduction of Competitive Bidding (Act No. 51 of 2006).

⑤ The Library of Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai

With its 45,270 books and audio-visual materials and 285 journals, the library provides access to information and reference materials on Japanese culture and society.

Left: *Minna no Kyozaï* website
Middle: *Nihongo de Care-navi* website
Right: *Minna no 'Can-do'* Website

