

Strengthening Cultural Exchange in Asia

1 (1) NIHONGO Partners Program

Section in Charge: Japanese Language Program Section II, Asia Center

This program dispatches NIHONGO Partners to secondary educational institutions etc. in Asia, mainly 10 ASEAN countries in order to support the local Japanese-language teachers and students. The NIHONGO Partners will support not only the educational activities of the local Japanese teachers but also aim to spread the charms of the Japanese language and cultures through their learning support and cultural activities inside and outside the classroom.

Through local activities and people-to-people exchanges, NIHONGO Partners themselves are also expected to deepen their understandings toward the language and cultures of the area or country where they stay, and serve as liaisons within Asian countries in the future.

Eligibility

Applicants must fulfill the following criteria.

- (1) Eager to understand the objectives of this program and aspire to serve as liaisons within Asian countries
- (2) Able to adapt to the local standard of living (housing, life-style, etc.)
- (3) Is between 20 and 69 years old, be of Japanese nationality, and be a Japanese native speaker
- (4) Able to engage in everyday conversation in English
- (5) Able to participate in all pre-departure training conducted by the Japan Foundation (approximately one month in duration)
- (6) Able to cooperate with the Japan Foundation on disseminating information about activities and publicize this program using SNS, website, and other media tools
- (7) Basic PC skills (sending and receiving e-mails, creating documents and/or materials etc.)

*The above eligibility may differ according to the target area or country of dispatch.

Dispatch Areas

Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam

*Dispatch for Brunei and Myanmar is yet to be decided. In case the dispatches are decided, information will be announced separately.

Duration

Approximately 6 months to 10 months

Coverage

Round-trip air ticket (discount economy class fares), travel expenses, living allowance, etc.

*Accommodation will be provided by the Japan Foundation.

Remarks

- (1) Further information will be announced on the website of this program (<https://jfac.jp/en/partners/>).
- (2) Dispatch areas and duration are subject to change.

1 (2) NIHONGO Partners in collaboration with Japanese Universities

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Application Form: AC-IP

This program dispatches student interns as NIHONGO Partners in collaboration with Japanese universities to support local Japanese-language teachers and students at institutions of higher education in Asia, mainly in 10 ASEAN countries.

Interns will support not only the educational activities of the local Japanese-language teachers and students but also aim to deepen communications and understandings between locals and Japanese.

Eligibility

Japanese universities, graduate schools or junior colleges, which have Japanese-language teacher training courses (hereinafter called "collaborating universities")

Duration

Less than one year (return to Japan by the end of March 2023)

Methods of Implementation

The Japan Foundation and the collaborating universities agree and sign a memorandum of understanding on details such as the destination, time, duration, and the number of interns.