

410,000 People around the World to Take the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test in December

The number of overseas applicants increased by 15,000 people

The Japan Foundation conducts the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) on Sunday, December 6, 2015 in 210 cities of 65 countries and regions outside Japan. JLPT is the largest Japanese-language exam in the world to certify language proficiency of non-native speakers. This year marked the 31st anniversary of the JLPT and more countries and cities are to hold the JLPT.

Outline of December 2015 JLPT

- <Date> **Sunday, December 6, 2015**
- <Sites> **210 cities in 65 countries and regions abroad and 45 prefectures in Japan**
- <Number of Applicants> **Approximately 410,000 people (300,000 overseas and 110,000 in Japan)**
- <Levels> **N1-N5 (five levels with N1 being the highest)**
*Please see the website (<http://www.jlpt.jp/e/>) for the summary of linguistic competence required for each level.
- <Country to hold the JLPT for the first time in July 2015>
Bosnia and Herzegovina (in Sarajevo)
Costa Rica (in San Jose)

The number of overseas applicants:

- The number of overseas applicants is 298,359. The increase rate is 18.8% in Southeast Asia and 5.2% in the countries and regions outside Japan.
- Countries and regions with largest number of applicants (top 3) and with high increase rates:

	Countries and regions		Number of applicants	Year-on-year rate
Top 3 countries/regions that have a large number of applicants	1st	China	106,799	-0.3%
	2nd	Taiwan	40,143	6.7%
	3rd	Korea	37,084	-1.4%
Countries/regions that have a noticeable increase	Vietnam		29,357	26.4%
	Indonesia		13,344	16.3%
	Myanmar		7,218	27.3%

(Comparison with the number of applicants for the JLPT in December 2014)

Advantages of acquiring a JLPT certificate include:

- To receive points under the Points-based Preferential Immigration Treatment for Highly Skilled Foreign Professionals system for immigration to Japan (N1).
- To satisfy one of the conditions for applying for the Japan's national exams for medical practitioners (N1).
- To meet one of requirements for Vietnamese nurse/care worker candidates under EPA (N3 or higher).

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