

Summary of Japanese-Language Education Overseas Programs

1. Promoting the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (see p.25)

(1) JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education Revised

The second editions of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education 2010 and the JF Standard 2010 User's Guide were published. Combined with the first editions, about 6,000 copies of each publication have been distributed. The English and Korean versions of the JF Standard 2010 were made available on the website.

(2) JF Standard-related Seminars, Etc.

We implemented 51 projects to publicize and promote the JF Standard through seminars, academic associations, and workshops at home and abroad.

(3) "Grant Program for the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education Activities" Launched

We started a new grant program to support activities that help promote the JF Standard, and provided grants for eight projects implemented by overseas academic/teacher associations in the field of Japanese-language education.

2. JF Language Course (see p.25)

JF Language Courses were offered at 29 locations in 26 countries. These locations were overseas offices of the Japan Foundation as well as Japan Centers in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, and Laos, countries which the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provides assistance.

3. Survey on the Present Situation of Overseas Japanese-Language Education (see p.25)

We conducted the "2012 Survey of Overseas Organizations Involved in Japanese-Language Education," and provided information and data concerning Japanese-language education in 203 countries and regions.

4. Online Educational Tools (see p.26)

(1) WEB Version of *Erin's Challenge! I can speak Japanese.*

Visits to the site totaled 5.5 million hits (13.6 million hits since fiscal 2010).

(2) *Minna no Kyozaï*

Visits to the site totaled 3.37 million hits (67.71 million hits since fiscal 2002).

(3) *MARUGOTO+* (*MARUGOTO Plus*)

This website was made available to the general public in February 2013.

(4) *NIHONGO de CARE-NAVI*

Visits to the site totaled 750,000 hits.

(5) *Japanese in Anime & Manga*

Visits to the site totaled 2.85 million hits.

(6) *NIHONGO-e-Na*

Visits to the site totaled 1.11 million hits.

5. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) (see p.27)

(1) 1st Test (July 1):

The July test was held in 103 (including 6 new) cities in 22 countries and regions abroad, with 202,943 people taking the test.

(2) 2nd Test (December 2):

The December test was held in 201 (including 7 new) cities in 61 countries and regions abroad, with 246,123 people taking the test.

Overseas examinees totaled 449,066.

6. Dispatch of Japanese-Language Specialists (see p.28)

(1) Japanese-Language Specialists: 123 posts in 39 countries

Senior Specialists: 38 posts in 26 countries

Specialists: 64 posts in 30 countries

Assistants: 21 posts in 14 countries

(2) Dispatch of Interns

With the collaboration of Japanese universities offering a Japanese-language teacher training program, we provided 358 undergraduate and graduate students at 48 universities with opportunities to serve as Japanese-language teaching interns in 107 institutions in 27 countries and regions.

(3) Japanese-Language Education Assistant Program (J-LEAP)

This program promotes cultural and human exchanges between Japan and the United States and supports Japanese-language education in the U.S. Ten new assistants were dispatched, raising to 23 the number of the assistants at primary and secondary educational institutions across the United States who cooperate in promoting a better understanding of Japanese culture and society in local communities.

7. Projects to Support Japanese-Language Education (see p.28)

The JF Nihongo Network, also known as the "Sakura Network," globally links the Japan Foundation's overseas offices and core Japanese-language organizations, with 123 members in 44 countries and 2 regions (as of the end of fiscal 2012). We operate 147 schemes implemented at 21 of our overseas offices, and provided grants for 66 programs by the network's core members in 26 countries and 2 regions. We also provided assistance for 158 activities by Japanese-language institutions and groups in 58 countries where support from our overseas offices is difficult to access.

8. Training for Overseas Teachers (see p.29)

(1) Graduate School Education with the Collaboration of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Graduate Program on Japanese Language and Culture (Master's Course): 4 students from 4 countries (existing students)

Graduate Program on Japanese Language and Culture (Doctoral Course): 3 students from 3 countries (existing students)

(2) Advanced Training for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Ten teachers from eight countries participated in the program which targets Japanese-language teachers with specific challenges such as developing educational materials.

(3) Training Programs for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese Language

Short-term: 123 teachers from 36 countries and regions

Long-term: 57 teachers from 32 countries

Country-based

China: 58 teachers at universities and secondary schools

Korea: 50 teachers

Malaysia: 14 teachers

Philippines: 22 teachers

Thailand: 61 teachers

Hungary: 5 teachers

(4) Training for 'Nikkei' Teachers of the Japanese Language

Taking over part of the Nikkei Heritage Education Training Program for Japanese emigrants and their descendants ('Nikkei') from JICA, we provided a new training program specializing in teaching Japanese as a foreign language. Twelve people participated in the two-month program.

9. Training for Overseas Learners (see p.29)

(1) Programs for Specialists (Foreign-Service Officers/Public Officials)

39 people from 37 countries and regions for 8 months
Visits to government offices, public organizations, universities and other educational institutions, and private companies were added to language training to facilitate interaction with those persons concerned. Lectures in collaboration with the Osaka School of International Public Policy were also offered.

(2) Programs for Specialists (Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields)

67 people from 21 countries for 2 or 6 months
The participants were provided with training to learn Japanese and, for example, enhance the interview skills necessary for activities as specialists in cultural and academic fields.

(3) Programs for Overseas Students and Learners

University Students: 83 people from 23 countries
Outstanding Students: 66 people from 64 countries
Outstanding Students in the JF Language Course: 35 people from 20 countries
High School Students: 31 people from 11 countries
Lee Soo-Hyun Youth Exchange Program: 30 people from Korea
JET Memorial Invitation Program for U.S. High School Students: 32 people
Support Program through Domestic Collaboration: 91 people from 25 countries and regions
Training Program for JET Participants in Osaka: 15 people from 4 countries

10. Japanese-Language Education for Nurse/Certified Care Worker Candidates under EPAs (see p.29)

A preparatory Japanese-language education program was provided for the candidates to make their training in Japan as effective as possible. Before coming to Japan, 48 nurses and 107 care workers in Indonesia and 65 nurses and 83 care workers in the Philippines participated in the six-month program.

11. Commissioned Training Programs

(1) Commissioned Programs for the JENESYS Programme

Special Invitation of Japanese-Language Teachers in East Asia: 49 teachers from 11 countries

Japanese-Language Program for University Students in East Asia (College in Japan): 39 people from 8 countries

Training Program for East Asian University Students Studying Japanese (summer): 36 people from 10 countries

(2) Other Commissioned Programs

Preparatory Training Program for Young Japanese-Language Teachers before Dispatch: 21 teachers from 1 country
Training for Russian Japanese-Language Teachers in Primary and Secondary Education: 11 teachers

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

Japanese-Language Program for High School Students from Victoria State, Australia: 22 people

Japanese-Language Training Program for Indonesian University Students (commissioned by the Osaka Gas Foundation of International Cultural Exchange): 2 people

Canon Vietnam Japanese-Language Program: 2 people

Japanese-Language Program for Japanese-Language Teachers from Gyeong Sang Nam-do Province, Korea: 20 people

Japanese-Language Program for Students in the Japanese-Language Course at Yan Chai Hospital No. 2 Secondary School in Hong Kong: 10 people

Training Program for Primary and Secondary Japanese-Language Teachers of New Zealand: 7 people

Japan Study Tour for High School Students of MJCCC (Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre): 8 people

12. Libraries of the Japanese-Language Institutes

Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa Visitors: 18,798 people
Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai Visitors: 17,341 people